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Vital step toward peace

Iraq urges OIC to probe who triggered Gulf war

BEIRUT, March 19 (R) — Iraq has called for the setting up of a committee to decide who was responsible for starting its 18-month-old war with Iran, the official Iraqi News Agency INA said Friday.

Baghdad's initiative appeared to be an important step forward in renewed attempts to end the expensive and debilitating Gulf conflict. INA said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein put the proposal in a letter to Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Toure, chairman of an Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Committee trying to bring Iraq and Iran to the negotiating table.

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on Iraqi withdrawal from the territories it occupied in the early days of the war as a prerequisite for talks.

A Washington Post correspondent who saw Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan last week quoted him as saying Iraq would be prepared to withdraw in stages, provided talks were under way and showed signs of progress. Both sides have said they are prepared to fight a protracted war.

The Washington Post quoted First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan as having said in Baghdad that Iraq would be prepared to withdraw from captured Iranian territory in stages before conclusion of a peace agreement, provided talks were under way and showed signs of progress. The Post quoted Western diplomats as having said Iraq's stand had been conveyed to Iran through the OIC team.

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Hussein says M.E. on the brink of war

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan says the Middle East is approaching the brink of war because of dangerous rifts among Arab states and Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank, The New York Times reported Friday.

In an interview at his residential palace outside Amman, Hussein told The Times, "We are passing through one of the most critical stages we have witnessed in our time. It is far more serious than it has ever been."

Hussein said the foreign policy of the United States has "eroded to the point where it has now adopted the role of a postman, a carrier of messages." He said the United States should "blow the dust from all its past commitments and re-examine them." Opening talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization would be a step in the right direction, he said.

U.S. going ahead with Stealth

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AFP) —

Despite maximum security surrounding the project, there are clear indications that the Pentagon is going ahead at full speed to develop Stealth, an advanced technology bomber that cannot be detected by enemy radar.

The official black-out on everything connected with the aircraft — which owes its radar invisibility to its non-metallic construction and specially adapted Profile-2 has been partly breached by occasional unguarded remarks in the Congress and details in

specialized publications.

A considerable leak came from no less a source than director of Pentagon research Richard Delauer, who in reply to a Congresswoman's question made it known that the first Stealth strategic bombers will be operational in 1991.

Questioned about a report this week in the specialized defense weekly, Army Times, indicating that Stealth bombers could go into production this year, a senior Pentagon official said it contained "a strong element of truth."

Gold mania hits UAE

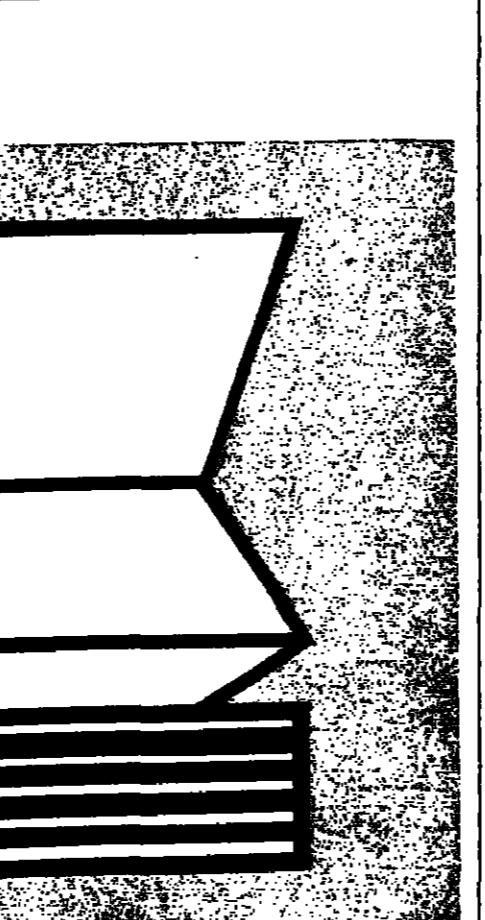
MANAMA, March 19 (AP) — The gold mania has spread to the United Arab Emirates, according to reports here Friday.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said in a report from Abu Dhabi that gold dealers have been inundated with buyers throughout Thursday and even Friday in the seven Emirates making up the U.A.E. "Gold markets have been crowded with people wanting to buy, in a feverish way," the report said.

It attributed the rush to "the belief that gold prices have become low now and fears that they may rise again, even though no new developments support this belief."

A switch to yellow of similar proportions was reported earlier this week in two Gulf countries — Qatar and Kuwait.

Demand in Qatar is said to have increased ten-fold in the past week. Kuwaiti dealers are reported meanwhile to have placed huge orders for gold in major world capitals despite government warnings about "the counter-productivity" of gold hoarding. (Jeddah market remains calm p. 2.)



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UAE all set to tap major gas finds in Sharjah

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 19 (AP) — The Amoco-Sharjah Oil Company will start commercial exploitation next May of two major gas finds, with an estimated reserve of 10 trillion cubic feet, in Sharjah. Exports will begin May 15 through a pipeline already constructed, according to Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, member of the UAE Supreme Council and ruler of Sharjah.

Sharjah is one of seven emirates making up the UAE. It has only one minor operating oilfield, in contrast with major fields in the two larger emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai which account for the bulk of the UAE's output of about 1.6 million barrels daily.

Sheikh Sultan said work will start soon on a liquefaction plant with a 250-billion-cubic-foot capacity and that about 600 million cubic feet of gas will be used annually in local electric power plants.

UAE newspaper bannerlined the finds Friday as a bonanza which will spur economic and business activities in Sharjah to unprecedented levels.

Striking a note of caution, they said the latest developments on the energy front could complicate the economic outlook and make it more unpredictable.

They also discounted as dangerously oversimplified some recent comments in the West suggesting that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could be on the brink of collapse, or that the energy crisis had simply gone away for good.

Stressing that the impact of declining oil prices is hard to assess these experts forecast:

— An initial positive effect on price rises and economic growth in the industrial nations

Tories get boost by Howe's budget

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — Britain's Conservative Party has been given a popularity boost by the "mini-recovery" budget presented ten days ago by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe.

According to recent opinion polls, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's party would win a between 31.5 and 37 percent of votes if elections were held now. Only three months ago, the Tory percentage had fallen to nearly 20 percent. Some months ago, polls indicated that an alliance between Liberals and the newly-formed Social Democratic Party, founded by senior Labor dissidents, could win a general election. The turnaround in Tory fortunes is attributed by political observers to the latest budget, the tax reductions announced with it, and the lower interest rates, particularly for housing loans, which followed.

Fake FBI men bolt with \$2m

BRENTWOOD, Pennsylvania, March 19 (AP) — Two bandits posing as FBI agents overpowered an armed guard at an armored truck collection center and escaped with more than \$2 million in cash, the FBI said Thursday.

The men were dressed in trench coats, snap-brim hats and tinted aviator-style glasses, ducked into the Prolator Armored Inc. building in suburban Pittsburgh as an electric garage door was closing late Wednesday, said special agent Jeff Kimball. "They identified themselves as agents, showed some form of identity and were able to get close enough to the guard to grab him," Kimball said. "They did not show any weapons."

Aims at output cut

OPEC summit vows to keep base price

By Maher Othman
Arab News Staff

VIENNA, March 19 — In spite of mounting pressures that threatened to force OPEC states to reduce their prices below the present benchmark of \$34 per barrel (based on Saudi Arabian light crude), the OPEC ministers meeting here Friday expressed their determination to defend their present price which they announced last October.

Statements made by several OPEC ministers following three-hour consultations indicated that they seem to be concentrating on reducing levels of production. The ministers resumed their deliberations at 5 p.m. (local time).

The main pressure on OPEC comes from Western oil companies that are putting high supplies of their inventories on the markets which have reduced demands on OPEC's oil, consequently cutting the revenues of OPEC members.

Dr. Humberto Calderon Berti of Venezuela said OPEC received a report from a private consultant from the U.S. which indicated that 5.7 million barrels per day are being injected into the market from stocks of oil companies. He added that "we all realize that increased reliance on coal and energy conservation are important elements in reducing demand, but we believe that a fair

more important reason is the drawing of inventories in industrial nations."

It is clear that other factors outside OPEC's control are now affecting the state of supply and demand. Among these factors are Mexican oil production and the North Sea oil. Britain announced recently the reduction of its North Sea oil price to \$31, which put pressure, especially on Nigeria which is currently under great pressure to seek a substantial cut in the oil price.

The Nigerians are facing tremendous problems due to their declining level of production in the last few weeks from 1.8 million bpd in January this year to 1.2 million bpd at present. Britain's decision to cut the prices of its North Sea oil hit Nigeria especially hard.

Dr. Mana Saeed Al-Oteiba, president of OPEC and UAE petroleum minister said: "We did not agree in Qatar on any specific ceiling of production. We agreed to tackle the present problems by reducing production, defending our price and absorbing the glut". A figure of 18.5 million bpd has been repeatedly quoted as a possible ceiling for production of OPEC. While Dr. Berti of Venezuela said such a level would be reasonable, other ministers like those of Iraq, Iran and Algeria believe that it would be necessary to have a much lower ceiling of production.

Positive effects of price fall ruled out

of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

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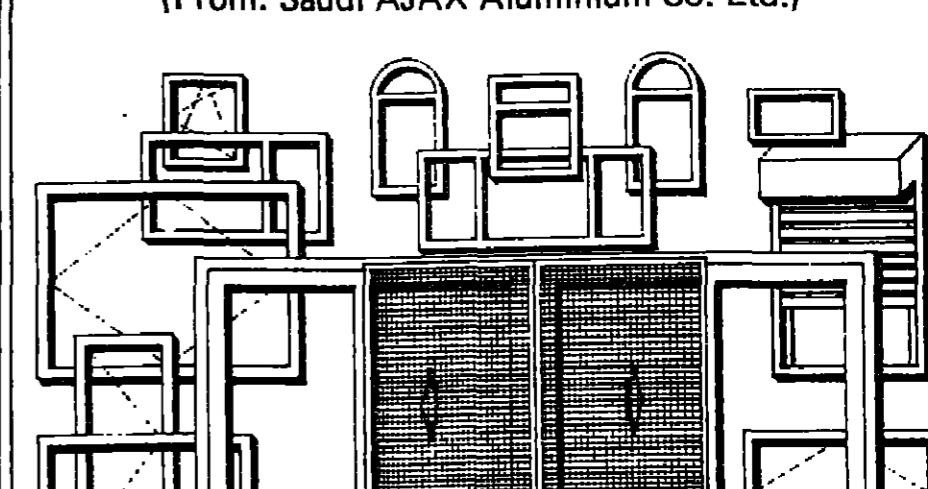
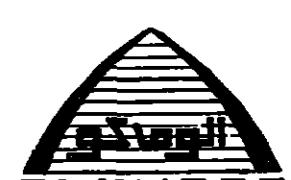
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King, Marcos to begin talks in Riyadh Sunday

JEDDAH, March 19 (SPA) — King Khaled will lead the party of officials at Riyadh airport Sunday to welcome President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines as he arrives for a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

The King and Crown Prince Fahd will discuss with President Marcos issues of common interest and bilateral relations. Talks will also be held between the Saudi and the Filipino delegation members. President Marcos will arrive in Jeddah Saturday and will lunch with King Khaled at noon Sunday. Ministerial level talks will start Sunday afternoon. In the evening, President Marcos and the accompanying delegation will attend a dinner banquet given in his honor by King Khaled.

Monday, the Philippine President will visit the Planning Ministry, watch horse races in the afternoon and hold a press conference at the Conference Palace about the outcome of his visit. He will leave Riyadh for Jeddah Tuesday morning, to visit the Jeddah Islamic Port in the afternoon of the same day. He will return home the next day.

Saudi-Filipino relations center on two major objectives, namely to foster cooperation and to promote the two countries' interests and, for Saudi Arabia, to look after the cause of Muslims in the Philippines who have outstanding problems and need help to preserve their identity and to guarantee their right to perform their religious rites freely and exercise their legitimate rights.

For the past few years, there has been an exchange of official visits while the Kingdom

covered 30 percent of the Philippines' oil needs. In 1974, the Kingdom promised to come to its rescue when it faced an acute energy crisis. Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources visited the Philippines in 1981 and President Marcos gave him the highest civil distinction in the country in appreciation of his services as oil minister of the largest oil exporting country in the world. King Khaled donated \$300,000 for the establishment of a Holy Quran printing press. The Holy Book was printed in English and Tagalog (the major language in the Philippines). The Kingdom also donated \$2 million to help an Islamic law (Sharia) institute in Manila. There is also the King Faisal Center for Islamic and Asian Studies at Mindanao State University and the Golden Mosque in Manila.

According to the latest government-to-government agreement, Saudi Arabia undertook to supply 20,000 barrels of oil a day to the Philippines. There is also a three-year cooperation agreement between the two countries in the fields of industry, training and dockers training. Moreover, according to statistics, more than 77 percent of the Filipino workers in the Middle East, are in Saudi Arabia. The number of Filipino workers in the Kingdom is estimated at more than 150,000. Also, an air transport agreement, signed in 1977, facilitated travel between the two countries. Other agreements regulating trade and business have also been signed.

Home furnishing market develops — survey

JEDDAH, March 19 — The Kingdom's home furnishing market size is on the rise, as government-sponsored construction projects spread to the northern and southern regions. The major cities of Jeddah and Riyadh are clogged with dealers and importers, with urban market growth increasingly settling in selected market segments, particularly in the higher price ranges. A recent *Saudi Business* market survey found that imported furnishings are in many cases giving way to the burgeoning domestic industry.

Dealers report annual sales growth figure of between 15 and 25 percent. Imports, however, have declined in unit terms. Statistics published by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy show

that the value of furniture imports rose from SR1.8 billion in 1979 to SR2.1 billion in 1980.

Imports are declining not because Saudi Arabians are buying less but because domestic furniture goods are increasing. The Saudi Arabian wood products industry, which had only 20 plants in 1973-74 with a total investment of SR37 million and 1,175 workers, expanded to 67 units with an investment capital of SR840 million and 4,153 workers in 1979-80.

The largest of the nearly 50 domestic manufacturers is Al-Mutalq Furniture which has plants in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam and Al-Khor. According to its commercial and marketing manager, G.K. Farah, the domestic industry is

favored by government import protection that levies a 20 percent duty on imported furniture. Farah said he doubted the Kingdom will begin producing the whole range of home furnishing items any time in the near future.

Another major manufacturer is Jeddah-based Al-Arousa, which sells its products mainly by contract to government bodies. The firm has won many contracts and finds itself unable to meet demand even when producing at full capacity.

Carpets are a home furnishing item, for which demand in big cities appears to be soaring regularly. Dealers in Riyadh report annual sales growth of 20-30 percent over the last four or five years.

Minister to visit Qasim

JEDDAH, March 19 — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh will undertake a tour of the Qasim district next week to inspect his ministry's projects which are now under implementation there, *Al-Madinah* reported Friday.

The minister will also discuss the needs of various projects, said the paper, adding that the visit will take place in the context of the minister's concern for the area's projects.

Saudi Telephone has many jobs for local youths

JEDDAH, March 19 — The Saudi Telephone has announced that it has a number of employment opportunities for Saudi Arabian young men wishing to serve at the different projects of the department.

According to Friday's issue of *Al-Madinah* newspaper, the Saudi Telephone's biggest project at present is the expansion of telephone lines in most parts of the country. The paper quoted an official source as saying there are hundreds of lucrative vacancies with a wide scope of selection according to the interests and aptitude of the candidate.

At present, the Saudi Telephone has more than 13,000 Saudi Arabian young men in its employment. They work in different fields of specialization, while the department organizes training facilities for many of them both inside the country and in several other countries.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Telephone's official spokesman has urged Saudi Arabian young men, who are interested to work with the department, to get in touch with the employment center at the telephone complex in Riyadh. *Al-Madinah* reported.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Makka Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will open the 20th annual charity market for the Women's Welfare Society here Wednesday. The exhibit will contain products of local industries; works of women at the society's dressmaking section and also of the families being looked after by the society. Foreign communities from the diplomatic missions here will also put their works on display.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Sheikh Salem Ahmad Khurfan Al-Bur'umi, Omani communications undersecretary, arrived here Friday on a few days' visit to the Kingdom. He was met at the airport by Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf, head of the civil aviation; Ahmad Abdil Ghani, director of Jeddah's roads department; and several other officials.

RIYADH (SPA) — A thesis for the Mas-

ter's degree, prepared by Othman ibn Nasser ibn Rashed Al-Yamani on "The Islamic trend in the Andalusian literature from the beginning of the seventh century of the Islamic calendar until the fall of Granada", will be discussed at the College of Sharia here Saturday. The reviewing committee comprises Dr. Ali Abdul Halim Mahmood, associate professor at the college of Arabic language and the scholar's guide; Dr. Muhammad Dughaim, assistant secretary of the association of Arab universities; and Dr. Muhammad ibn Saad ibn Hussein, an associate professor at the college.

JEDDAH (SPA) — The Ittihad Club and the Qadesiah Club of Kuwait played a match at the youth welfare hall here Thursday, as part of the Gulf volleyball championship. The game ended in a 3-1 victory in favor of the Qadesiah team.

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West Bank crippled by general strike

TEL AVIV, March 19 (Agencies) — West Bank residents went on a general strike Friday in protest against the dismissal of one of their town councils by Israeli occupation authorities. The entire area, which has had anti-Israeli disturbances for the past two weeks, was virtually shut down. Eyewitnesses said the area was quiet.

At the same time, the occupation authorities banned Arabic newspapers in the West Bank, fearing they would incite the Palestinian population. The mayors of the main West Bank towns called the three-day strike Thursday after occupation authorities dismissed the mayor of El Bireh, Ibrahim Tawil, and his council, replacing them with army officers and Israeli civilians. The mayors said that the unprecedented move was the first step in a plan to replace all the town councils, which came to power in municipal elections in 1976.

Informed sources said the mayors, some of whom are banned from leaving their towns, had been in contact by telephone overnight to discuss further protest action. The El Bireh Council was disbanded apparently because it refused to meet a new Israeli civilian team appointed to take over some of the military administration's duties in the West Bank.

The mayors, who support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said the changes were designed to help perpetuate Israeli rule over the occupied territories.

Car bomb defused in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 19 (AP) — A car laden with 60 kg of explosives was discovered and defused outside a building housing the Egyptian Embassy in west Beirut shortly before it was set to detonate Friday, police sources said.

A car bomb explosion outside the same building killed three persons and wounded 10 others last Tuesday. A day earlier, another car bomb had exploded in the nearby French cultural center, wounding 13 persons. The Egyptian Embassy has become a special affairs section for Egyptian affairs operated by the French Embassy since the rupture of rela-

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has issued a decree prescribing life imprisonment for anybody desecrating the Qur'an.

LONDON, (AFP) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman left London Friday after a three-day official visit that furthered the military and economic cooperation between Britain and the Gulf state.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Ali Nasser Muhammad, President of South Yemen, will visit the Soviet Union later this month, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported Friday.

PARIS, (R) — Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa said in an interview Thursday that Egypt would be welcomed back in the Arab fold with open arms.



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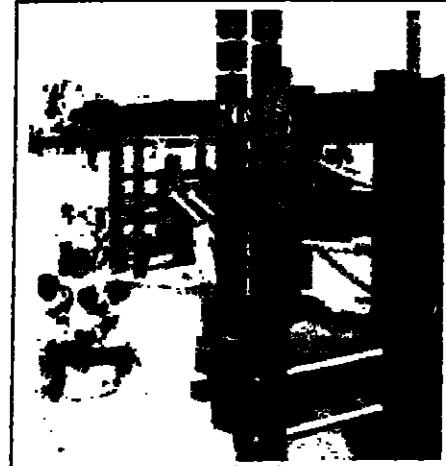
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Weinberger to visit Israel

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will visit Israel in May, Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto has confirmed reports of the impending visit based on a statement by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon have been circulating.

Tension has been fuelled by Jordan's threat to bring treason charges against Palestinians cooperating with Israeli-sponsored village leagues and Sharon's retaliatory move in outlawing the Palestine National Guidance Committee. For years, the committee led the campaign against the Israeli occupation.

The Israeli Army is also coping with a five-week-old strike by Druze Arabs living on the Golan Heights occupied from Syria in 1967.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) denounced Friday Tawil's ouster and said the Zionist state was seeking to bring the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under direct military rule.

"The enemy's move is part of an overall plan to bring the occupied territories under direct military government in order to dictate the Camp David conspiracy on the Palestinian people," said a PLO statement issued in Beirut.

The PLO pledged solidarity with the elected municipalities of the bank as a whole in "their firm stand against occupation and enemy-schemes."

Ceasefire fragile, Habib tells Reagan

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Queen Nour sees erosion of U.S. principles in M.E.

By Nan B. Antony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — Jordan's Queen Nour al-Hussein, in a strongly-worded message from her husband to the people of America, has said that "at stake is the freedom of the Palestinian people, their identity as an Arab nation, U.S. interests and world peace." She said that the United States had allowed the gradual erosion of its commitments and principles.

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The queen sketched the summary of events in the region since the adoption of Resolution 242 by the U.N. Security Council. "At that time," she reminded her audience, "we were told this would be implemented within six months." According to the king's letter,

RABAT launches new bid on Sahara

RABAT, March 19 (R) — Morocco launched an initiative Friday to secure progress by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) toward a settlement of the war in Western Sahara.

The territory, ruled by Morocco, is claimed by fighters of the Polisario Front who are waging war with Algerian support to establish a Saharan Arab Democratic Republic.

The war has split the OAU and prompted walkouts by a number of countries at two recent meetings of the organization.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta Friday began a tour of seven countries which belong to an OAU committee formed to arrange a ceasefire in Western

Sahara and hold a referendum among its people on their future.

Boucetta took messages from King Hassan to the presidents of the countries involved which are Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Tanzania.

Israel moved immediately following the 1967 war to expand settlements into the occupied territories. This kind of expansion has been continuing. Israel deserves retribution, not adulation," the message continued. The solution to the Middle East now lies with the United States", the message added.

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The EEC formulated a statement on the Middle East in Venice in 1980, when it called for the involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks.

Since then, successive presidents of the EEC Council of Ministers have visited the area during their six-month term of office, but no clear community role has emerged.

Tindemans plans Mideast visit on behalf of EEC

BRUSSELS, March 19 (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans is planning a Middle East trip on behalf of the European Economic Community (EEC) after Israel's scheduled withdrawal from Sinai next month, informed sources said Friday.

Tindemans, current president of the EEC Council of Ministers, would visit Israel and possibly other Middle East countries, to explore what role the 10-nation EEC might play in advancing peace in the Middle East, they said. The sources said no final decision on the visits had been taken, but Tindemans had the firm intention of going.

They added that the matter was likely to be discussed informally at a meeting of EEC foreign ministers in Brussels next week, although a formal announcement of the visits probably would not come until after the Israeli withdrawal, due before April 26. A Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman declined comment on Tindemans' plans.

The EEC formulated a statement on the Middle East in Venice in 1980, when it called for the involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks.

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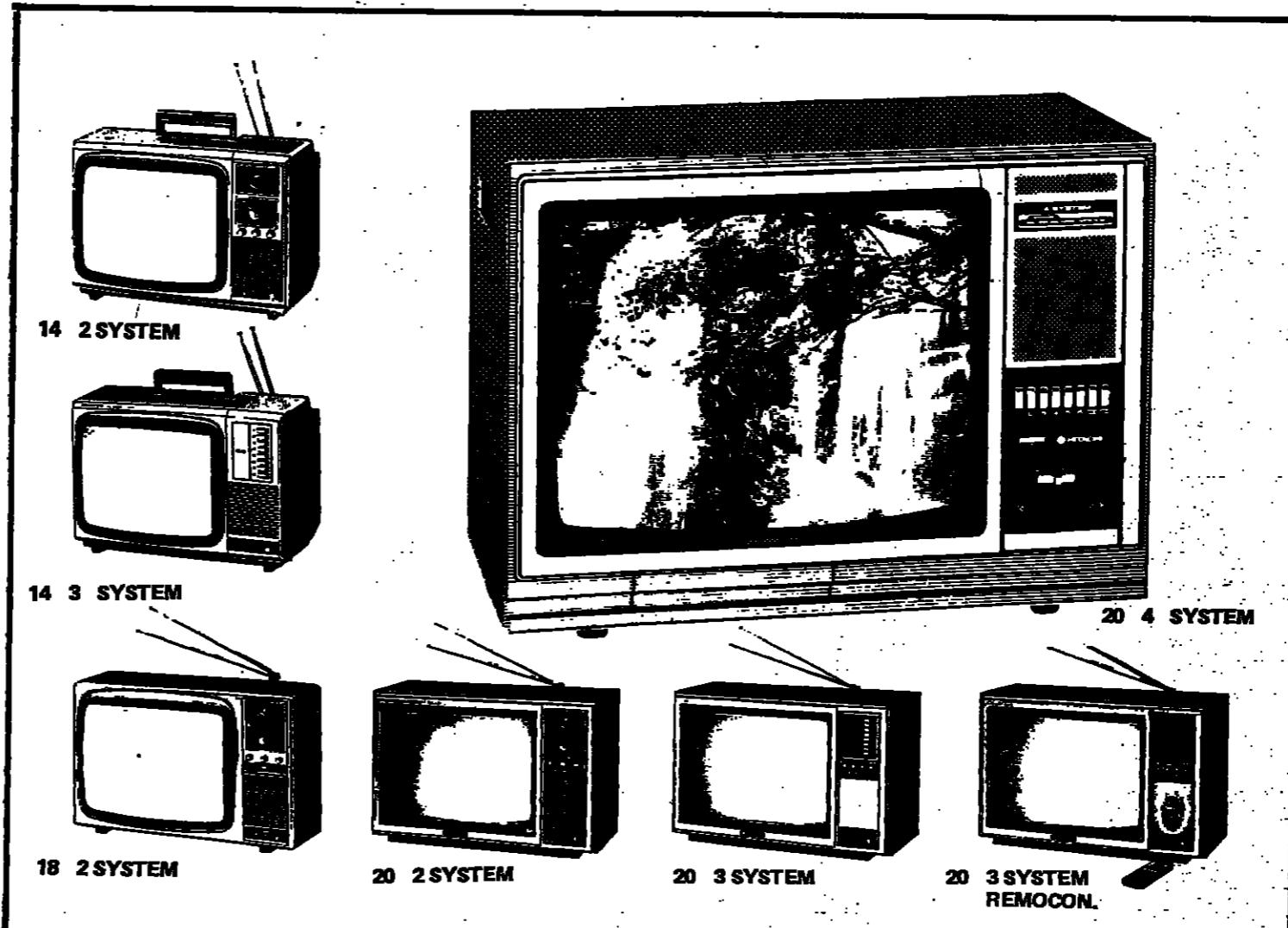
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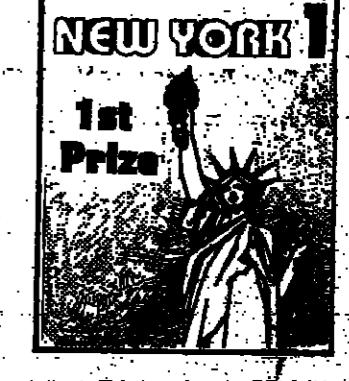
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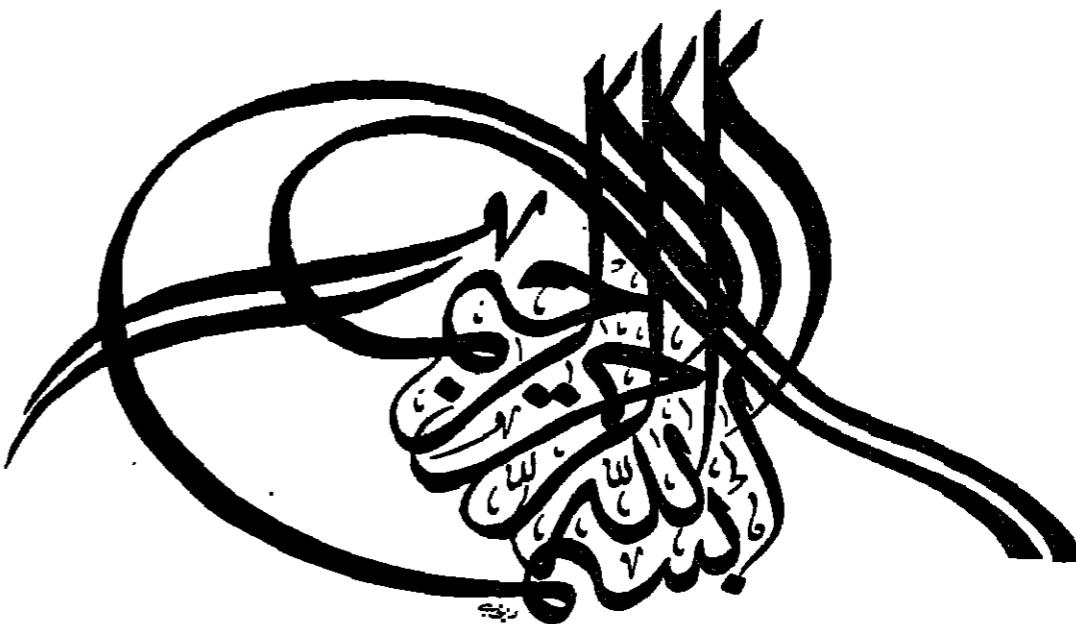


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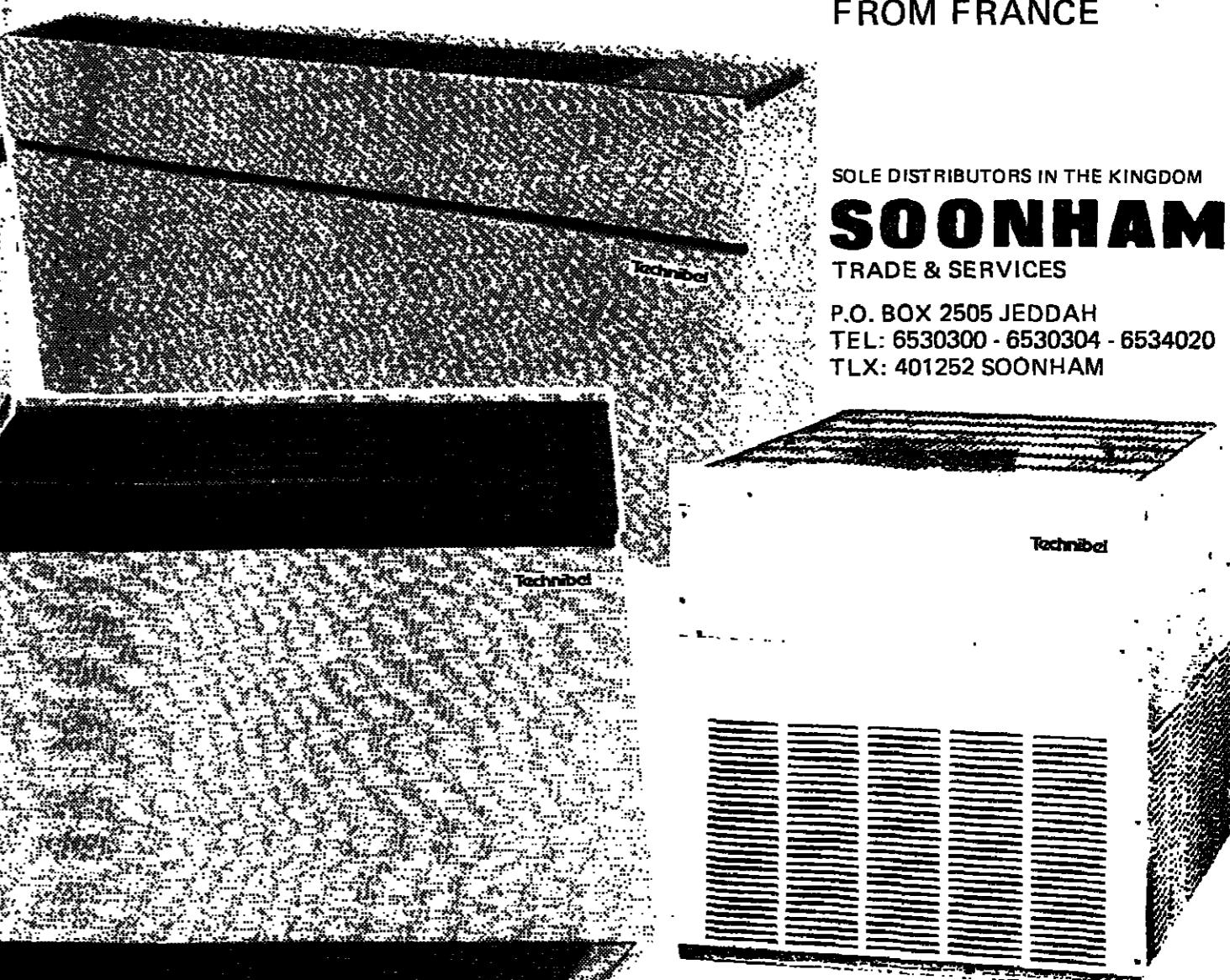
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More than 80,000 strong

'Triad mafia' leaders control Hong Kong crime

By Michael Parks

HONG KONG (LAT) — "Five-Star" Wu walks with a swagger through the Shek Kip Mei housing project. Six strong men accompany him, teen-agers call out greetings, shopkeepers and street hawkers are deferential and two patrolling policemen salute. Other people simply get out of his way.

It is clearly his turf, and Wu says, "I run this place, and what I say goes."

The reason is that Wu is believed by residents to lead the largest criminal gang operating in the housing project. These so-called Triad gangs, an outgrowth of the ancient Triad societies that were based on three elements—heaven, earth and man—are sometimes called the Chinese mafia.

As the leader of such a gang, Wu is said by residents to control all the drug sales, loan-sharking, extortion, gambling and any other crime that goes on in this area.

Wu also claims, according to residents, to be able to find bigger apartments in newer housing projects for them, to get government inspectors to ignore health, fire and other types of violations and even to arrange for promotions in the police force—all for substantial fees.

"Me, a Triad leader?" Wu said in a recent brief encounter at a coffee shop. "To be a Triad member is against the law in Hong Kong, and to be a leader must be a very big crime. Here, everyone knows Five Star Wu is an honorable man."

Wu's protestations of innocence drew laughs, but residents said later that, as far as they know, he has never been convicted of any crime, and this adds to his aura of power. The police have no comment except to say that every allegation is investigated.

The Hong Kong police acknowledge, however, that the Triads and their criminal activities are still very much a fact of life here, despite intense efforts over the last 25 years to dislodge them.

In many areas of Hong Kong, particularly the densely populated neighborhoods of the Kowloon Peninsula, Triads effectively control street life, the police say, and sometimes exercise greater authority than the government.

Total Triad membership is estimated at 80,000 divided among 37 societies and about 200 constituent gangs, according to Divisional Superintendent Ben Munford, head of the police Triad squad.

Only 15 percent of the Triad members are believed to be actively engaged in criminal activities, but they are held responsible for about a third of all the major crimes reported in Hong Kong and as much as two-thirds of racketeering. From 55 percent of Hong Kong's male prisoners at any given time are Triad members.

Many of the 85 percent of Triad members not directly involved in crime have infiltrated deeply into legitimate businesses, banking and finance, the Hong Kong colonial government and even the police force. They are sworn on penalty of death to assist each other.

"These secret Triad connections run through the whole fabric of life in Hong Kong," a prosecutor said in seeking the conviction last year of a businessman who has called on fellow Triad members to help force a competitor into bankruptcy.

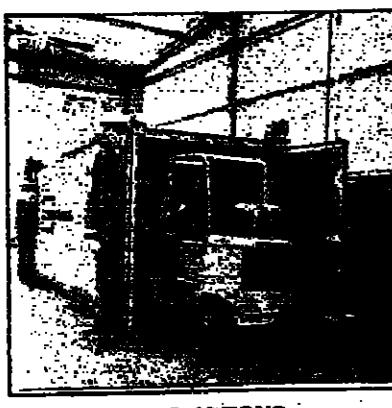
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"Whether on the street or in the executive offices, they are criminal conspiracies, not benevolent aid societies and they are corrupting society."

Despite successful penetration of several Triad societies recently, the police are not certain they know the full extent of Triad activities.

"They go wherever there is money," chief inspector Robert Cheng of the Triad squad said. "We can follow the pattern of street crime and investigate their other suspected activities, but they spread very quickly into new fields and increasingly into legitimate businesses. Yesterday, it may have been drugs and protection rackets; today, video game centers; tomorrow, night clubs."

Hong Kong's rapidly developing economy does seem to offer endless opportunities for the Triads. When several hotels, restaurants and nightclubs opened recently in a glittery new tourist section, two rival Triad groups battled over the lucrative protection racket business there. Each new housing development is worth about \$250,000 in protection money from the builders working there.

The influx of tens of thousands of immigrants from China has led Triads to counterfeit identity cards, to smuggle in relatives left behind and to build and sell huts as "squatter housing."

The 16,000 members of the Chiu Chau group of six Triad societies, by far the most tightly organized and one based largely on ethnic ties, is believed by narcotics agents to control the drug traffic in Hong Kong, with a network that extends to Thailand, most of the rest of Southeast Asia and back into China.

Although the police here say that Hong Kong's Triads generally have no other overseas operations, Western law enforcement and diplomatic sources said there is a "working, ad hoc affiliation" between the Triads here and Chinese criminal gangs in the United States, Canada and Western Europe.

Leung Sing, who at 42 has spent 16 1/2 of the last 20 years in prison here for Triad activities, said that police reports of Triad activities underestimate their scope and the number of Triad members involved.

"They just don't know any better," Leung, now a social worker, said.

Hong Kong police work to keep the Triads fragmented and without strong leadership, fearing a major threat to law and order in the colony if they unite. Some Chinese attribute an increase in violent crime in recent years to the Triads' degeneration.

In the minds of many, Hong Kong's Triads are still associated with the secret societies that started in Fujian province, on China's southeast coast, in the 17th century to fight the Manchu takeover of the imperial throne. These groups had a Robin Hood quality that continued for two centuries. They retained considerable political power in China until the Communist victory over the Nationalists in 1949, when many members fled to Hong Kong and abroad.

A survey of school students by the Prison Preventers Organization last year indicated that as many as 47,000 youth have been persuaded or intimidated into joining Triad groups.

Police dispute that figure, however, saying that no more than 1,500 had actually gone through the initiation ceremony.

Asked why community leaders in the shek kip met housing project do not press for Five-Star Wu's arrest, a social worker said.

"They are afraid that the day after they went to the police they would be dead. Their children and grandchildren maimed, their stores burned out...it is simply a case of recognizing who is strong here on the ground."

"I tell folks not to leave a child unattended

Uncertainty hurts tourism

Visitors avoid Aswan, trade recovers slowly

By Steven K. Hindy

ASWAN, Egypt (AP) — Idle horse-drawn carriages on the shady Nile promenade, single-sailed feluccas tied fast to the docks, hungry, irritable souvenir hawkers—all attest to the slump in tourism that followed President Anwar Sadat's assassination.

Such inactivity is rare for high season in Aswan, the ancient trading city that is the site of the 4th century B.C. Temples of Philae, the red granite quarries where the pharaoh's artisans fashioned needle-like obelisks and other monuments and the Soviet-designed high dam.

"Not good," is the way carriage drivers, black-market moneychangers and others answer the question "how's business."

A West German guide on a Nile River cruise boat from Aswan to Luxor tells of a trip last January when 12 tourists had the 184-bed ship all to themselves. They were served by an 86-person crew.

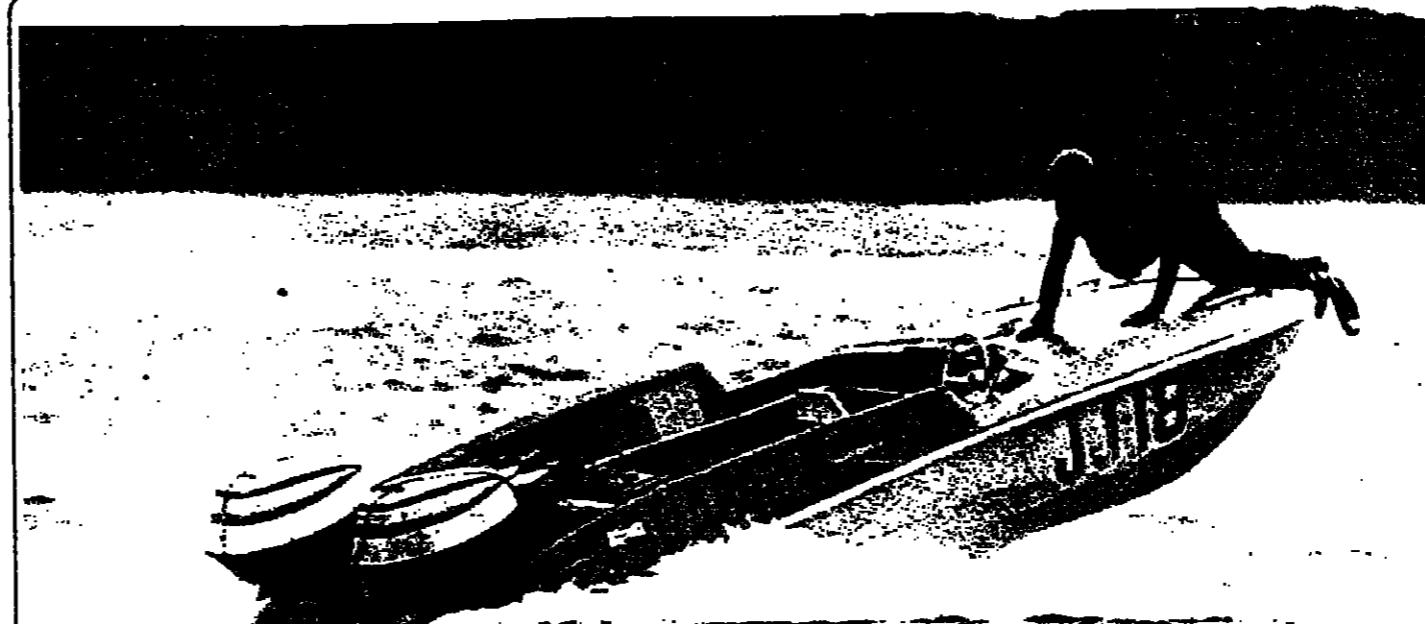
At the awe-inspiring temple of Abu Simbel, built by the Pharaoh Ramses II about 149 miles (240 kilometers) south of Aswan and moved 17 years ago to escape the waters of the high dam's Lake Nasser, a tourist guide says eight to 10 planeloads of visitors arrived in December compared with 14 a day last year.

The stump is an unusual pleasure for those who discounted the uncertainty that loomed after Sadat's death. Located on the Tropic of Cancer, Aswan is extremely hot in summer but in winter, temperatures hover in the high 60s (18-20 C). With lush botanical gardens nestled in the Nile's dune-rimmed valley, Aswan is one of the most relaxed and quiet towns in Egypt.

According to official figures, the Oct. 6 shooting in Cairo, 446 miles (720 kms) to the north, led to a 12 percent drop in tourism for the last three months of 1981, compared with the previous year. Up to then, the government had been boasting a 16 percent increase. The final figure for the year showed a 9.8 percent growth, to 1.376 million foreign tourists.

Western diplomats who follow tourism fear that the government's latest effort to capture foreign currency in the banking system may backfire by discouraging tourism.

January's overall figures were off only one percent from 1981. "Things are improving



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Californians hunt killers

Man-eating coyotes striking back; astonishing numbers move to cities

By William Scobie

for a second," said Howell, "and never to leave pets out at night."

In townships like Glendale, dotted along the foot of the nation's largest urban mountain range, county officials have declared war on the coyote. Since September, when the drive began, 90 animals have been caught in steel traps, shot at from government helicopters, taken in hundreds of thousands for its fur.

The tough, wily "prairie wolf" is a predator, accused of causing \$100 million in damage to livestock each year. But now, in the canyons and the foothills that ring Los Angeles, the coyote is striking back—hunting man, killing his pets in thousands for food.

"The coyote has moved to the edges of the city in astonishing numbers over the past three years," said Robert Howell, head of Los Angeles county's coyote control program. "In Glendale, a township on Los Angeles' outskirts, you'll easily find 50 in a 10-square mile area. In the wild, you'd be lucky to find five in the same space."

"They come for water, lapping it out of Hollywood swimming pools. They come for garbage, left-over chicken, T-bone steaks, jelly doughnuts, stuff they like to rip out of plastic bags. They've become a really spoiled animal with a full menu."

"It was like it was killing a sheep," said Robert Keen. He chased the animal 30 yards into the brush before it dropped its prey. His daughter died in hospital of a broken neck hours later.

This first known death by coyote set off a furor among residents. Communities from the Hollywood Hills to affluent Topanga Canyon above Malibu reported thousands of incidents in which coyotes had killed cats, dogs and pet birds.

Ten attacks on humans were verified, ranging from a five-year-old girl bitten in the stomach and dragged from the family backyard, to a 67-year-old man wounded in the leg as he tried to chase an animal from his garbage can.

"I tell folks not to leave a child unattended

slaughter that would harm birds and animals that may feed off the poisoned carcasses. If the livestock industry is in trouble, it's because of inflation and foreign competition, not the coyote."

None the less, poisoning has become widespread in the rural west. So heated is the debate that one wildlife official has received death threats.

Howell says he never uses 1080. "Ours is a limited program. Seventy of the 90 animals killed were in the Glendale area, where the Keen baby died, so it's not an all-out effort to eliminate the coyote."

Hillside residents, he says, add to the problem by offering hospitality to the animals that Mark Twain called "the most friendless of God's creatures."

Keen says neighbors often fed the animals that killed his child, putting out dinner remains on paper plates. Regular customers were nicknamed, like pets.

The best answer, said Howell, is to ban coyote-feeding and teach people to contain their trash. The country has made feeding an offense punishable by a \$100 fine and offers \$500 rewards "for information leading to a conviction of persons habitually feeding coyotes."

"We have to re-install a fear of man in the coyote," said Lila Brooks, head of California Wildlife Defenders. "We must drive them back into the hills where they belong, not kill them."

Asian youth join causes, are idealists

By Suchin Precha

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — He is jobless and belongs to what Asia's economic planners call the "absolutely poor." His formal education seldom goes beyond the primary level. Often resentful and bitter at his station in life, he suffers emotional conflict on top of physical deprivation.

In certain extreme cases, he can be found holed up in the hills, armed and waging guerilla warfare. Full of idealism, he goes for causes labeled by his country's government as "subversive, leftist or extremist."

This is a composite profile of the youth in Asia today. It emerged from a recent meeting of experts on youth development representing 20 United Nations specialized agencies, government and non-government organizations.

Held in Bangkok under the auspices of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the meeting entered the records as one of the preliminaries for worldwide observance of International Youth Year in 1985, as proclaimed by the U.N. General Assembly.

A basic paper prepared by ESCAP and discussed by the experts underscored the following:

Asia's youths have played and continue to play a major role in social and political upheavals in the region constituting the "crisis strata" in the development process."

These 25 years old and below constitute 57 percent of the total population in Asia estimated in mid-1981 at 2.6 billion. Those in the 15 to 24 age group alone number around 400 million.

The youngsters account for the bulk of the unemployed and underemployed in all of the developing countries in the region.

As pictured by the experts, Asia's youth is "idealistic, imbued with a natural passion of justice and full of energy and dynamism...are ready to take up causes which give promise of a better life and society. They demand a greater role and recognition in society; they desire to contribute to and participate in important national decisions ultimately affecting their lives. Youth are no longer content with merely being social "inheritors." They want to assume roles as "actors" and active partners in the development process."

After its five-day session, the meeting suggested guidelines for recommended activities designed to involve the youth as "equal partners" in development.

The meeting called on all governments in the region to implement programs that would create opportunities for self-employment for the youth. This strategy could be a "key factor" in reducing unemployment in the region, with vocational training as the most viable vehicle for such self-employment.

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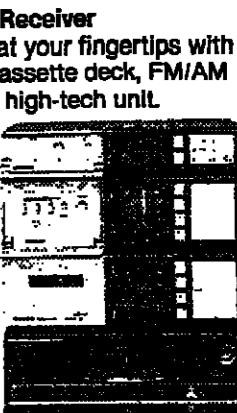
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Noise pollution depends on the observer

By Y. Tahir

JEDDAH — Human beings are conditioned to sounds. Sounds command us. Sounds control us. Sounds annoy us. sounds please us. We get completely absorbed in the sounds of one kind, and we are easily distracted by the sounds of another kind. Persons are afraid of any sudden, strange sound; and equally afraid of a familiar, harsh sound. We are engulfed by a sea of sounds. It is really strange, that though our lives are ruled by sounds, we show so little awareness of the sounds and voices that regulate our sleeping and waking hours.

Sounds, more than any other stimulus, affect our lives. There are the shouts of joy, and the screams of pain in our environment. Many people are familiar with different animal sounds. A language is nothing but certain sounds following a pattern. Words, and more than words, the sound or tone of those words influences us, moves us, makes us or destroys us. The sounds are the source of all joy and

sorrow. To a much greater extent than even the sense of sight, hearing is responsible for producing happiness or sorrow in us.

The lightning leaves us cold, if we don't hear the accompanying thunder, which strikes terror in the hearts. The so-called "horror-movies" would look ridiculous without the horrifying music and ghostly sound-effects. "Dracula", without that hollow-terrifying voice of his, would barely deserve a slap on the face. Without sound such movies would at best be insipid if not outright serious.

Sound is life, movement; silence is death, stillness; it symbolizes the quietness of the grave. It is impossible for man to live without some noise around him. No other species is given to producing and maintaining so much noise in its surroundings as man. Man may best be described as a "noise-loving species".

Man has been so thoughtless in providing himself amply with noise that "noise-pollution" has become a problem in all the big cities of the world. People used to a harmoni-

ous and balanced level of noise in their quiet, country life, feel upset when subjected to the high-pitched din of the cities. On the other hand, people whose ears get attuned to noise, feel uncomfortable when the level of noise is drastically reduced around them. A common example is that of the sleeping passengers, in a noisy long-distance train, who are jolted into consciousness whenever the train comes to a halt.

At all the times we are surrounded by sounds. A completely soundless moment is hard to imagine. Even when you think that there is absolute silence, you can hear your own breathing or your heart pounding.

Human voices, various sounds and the noise give us courage, give us reassurance. That is why even the late hours on the busy city roads are less fearsome than the early evenings in the countryside. Man is afraid of the mystery hidden in the veils of silence. Dead bodies scare us more because they are silent.

The absence of sound makes us afraid.

DOCTORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF DEPRESSION

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

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MEDICAL ALERTS

(Replies to and from readers).

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: For months, my father was a problem in our household. Formerly an optimistic person, he became quite pessimistic.

But in addition to that, he seemed to withdraw from the family. He'd sit by himself and not enter into any family discussions. He didn't seem to care for himself or for us.

He was no longer a loving father and husband. He was unable to concentrate on anything. He used to love to read, but he gave that up, too.

Not until we kept insisting that he see our family doctor was the diagnosis made. The doctor said he was suffering from depression.

He prescribed some special drugs and my father has improved tremendously. I wish others in a similar situation would realize that depression is a serious malady that needs medical help as soon as possible. — **Mrs. F.**

Dear Mrs. F.: You're so right. One estimate is that there are at least 20 million patients suffering depression in the United States. As there are only 20,000 psychiatrists, the case load for diagnosis and treatment must be shared by alert family physicians.

There is a pressing need for this as 15 percent of all depressed patients commit or attempt to commit suicide.

In the elderly, depression is more often overlooked than in the young. Symptoms are masked. Common causes of depression in older persons are bereavement, loss of employment, lessened physical ability, serious illness, or taking too many powerful drugs without the doctor's knowledge.

The doctor should ask candidly about suicidal thoughts when he interviews his depressed patient. But if the patient is apparently suicidal, hospitalization may be necessary.

Doctors should be continually aware of the possibility of depression being present. Especially in patients who have a number of physical complaints such as indeterminate aches and pains, digestive problems, fatigue and insomnia. These symptoms may disguise underlying depression. The doctor should be especially suspicious if the patient is sad and apathetic.

Dear Doctors: Are doctors still doing heart transplants? — **Mr. C.**

Dear Mr. C.: Brilliant heart surgeon Christian Barnard performed the world's first heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital in Capetown, South Africa in December 1967.

But problems with infections, immunological rejection and other complications soon frustrated surgeons, and enthusiasm for the procedure waned. In the United States most have discontinued the operation.

However, there is still one institution in this country — Stanford University Medical Center, headed by Norman E. Shumway, M.D. — which still specializes in the procedure.

Seven of 132 patients who received transplants at Stanford in 1974 have survived for five years. Nine of 18 operated in 1975 survived for four years. Twelve of 20 operated in 1976 survived for three years. Of the 1977 recipients, 11 of 19 have survived for two years. The Stanford group does between 20 and 25 transplants each year, Mr. C.

For Mrs. T.: You should be more optimistic about the results of kidney transplants. One-year survival rates of kidney transplant patients are almost 90 percent. In 1974, the ratio of survival was 72 percent.

The improvement is due to sophisticated use of drugs and other treatment to suppress rejection and quickly treat any complication.

For Mrs. U.: Stop any ten adults and ask them to enumerate the risk factors in heart disease. At least 8 out of 10 will answer (in whole or in part): obesity, high cholesterol, smoking, poor family history, high blood pressure, being continually tense.

We believe that your husband is also aware of these threats to the heart. But being aware is not the only requirement. Unless he takes off at least 30 pounds and quits his 2-pack-a-day habit, he remains a candidate for a heart attack. These are the cold facts. Mrs. U.

Tomorrow: Your wife's in danger too



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announcement

The Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (SANCST) announces an Architectural Design Competition for the Communal Facilities of its new 100 hectare, residential, office, laboratory complex in Riyadh. The Communal Facilities will consist of a large Mosque, shopping center, health services, social and recreational facilities - the total area of about 7200 Gross Sq. Metres along with the related parking, and infrastructure, etc.

Open to registered Saudi Architects, the competition is due June 2, 1982. Ten Competitors will be selected on the basis of a pre-qualification submission due in Riyadh office of SANCST not later than the 14:00 hours Riyadh local time, Saturday, March 27, 1982. The selection of the ten Competitors will be announced not later than April 7, 1982.

Saudi Architects registered in the Kingdom who are interested shall pick the pre-qualification documents from the offices of SANCST Facilities Development Office.

The winner will be commissioned to carry out the final design and contract documents.

An honorarium will be paid to the selected Competitors who join the competition and present documents in accordance with competition rules. The expenses for one representative for each Competitor selected to attend a briefing session in Riyadh, April 19, will be reimbursed.

For further information about the project and the pre-qualification submission requirements contact:

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Entering a derelict, ruined and soundless building is just like entering the tombs of the Pharaohs. The vast expanses of space, filled with limitless silence, strike terror into the human mind.

There is a desperate, almost universal urge in man to talk to or listen to somebody else, in order to get away from his own private fears. Quite a few people might be heard carrying on a loud, self-dialogue, when there is nobody to talk to.

"Loud thinking" is much the same thing. Doubtlessly, one can probably think better silently, but quite often it is not the words that matter, but the sound of words is the real thing. Many old, solitary people ward off the fear of silence by talking to themselves.

If a conscious computer could listen to and pass judgement on human conversation, it would probably describe it as "mere rubbish and meaningless jumble of words." Many people waste their time saying things they don't mean, or listening to what they don't want, or need to hear. Look at any group of women, children or men. They are all talking, talking and talking. People talk at the street corners, shops, restaurants, in their homes, in the planes or trains and even in the libraries. You hear the same things repeated over and over again. Same old jokes being told ad nauseam!

Human beings do not talk because great truths have to be propounded; they speak because through the medium of speech they get a sense of belonging to each other; and each individual is not left alone to go his own way. Shackled by the chain of words, human race is kept from falling apart.

Children are instinctive noise producers; they can never play quietly. They can't enjoy any game unless they shout at the same time. The adults, too, are not very different in this respect. Just imagine watching a "noiseless" soccer match!

Public fairs, festivals or other special occasions are unthinkable without loud music, cheering or shouting. Pass through any residential area and the blaring music from the stereos, radios and TV will pierce your ears.

Victories in the battles of the past were celebrated with triumph amidst cheers and hurrahs; and the celebration of the soccer victories today follows an almost identical pattern. In the battles of the past, many a defeat turned into decisive victory when a small body of the reinforcing troops raised clamor enough as if a whole new army had entered the field, and the enemy would run away through sheer fright. It is not a mere coincidence that the military bands were an essential and leading component of all the advancing and victorious armies. The exciting, martial tunes would fill the soldiers with courage and enthusiasm. Conversation, music, and the general noise of the marching army gave confidence to the foot soldier and

the commander alike. This undoubtedly was a great morale booster.

It is really the sound effect of the words that is important. History is replete with examples. A brave and well-worded oration delivered from the mouth of a weak commander, in timorous tones, would make the soldiers lose courage. But a bold, though not so well made speech, uttered in the fearless voice of an intrepid leader, would often fill the soldier with a spirit that could not be daunted even by death.

Human beings are conditioned to responding automatically to the sound of words. It may be just incidental that the words generally mean what they are supposed to mean but a word that means quite the opposite and has a similar sound of another word will bring about the same response.

Infants don't understand the language; they understand the tone. They'll like you even if you say harsh things in a pleasant tone. But, try saying nice things in the opposite tone, and you'll not be easily forgiven!

No matter where you go, the country or the town, you can't find escape from noise. In the city of course, there is the din of the traffic, voices in the streets, the whirr of the engines, the rushing automobiles, the drone of the air-conditioners, the roar of the jets, the loud music played by the neighbors.

Though most sounds can be categorized as being welcome or unwelcome to the ears, the fact remains that any noise is more welcome than the complete absence of it. You may not like the disturbing noise of the kids, but you miss it when they are away.

The countryside is never the quiet place that many people would like to think it is. The sounds come waiting to you when you are still at some distance from the village; as you come closer, the hum of the village life comes floating to you over the air. Just before dusk, shouts of the children at play, the sounds of the farmers returning from the fields, fill the air with a strange, thrilling noise. Late in the evening, when almost everything else has quietened down, the cicadas and the crickets set up their shrill melodies.

The common familiar sounds are necessary; we'd feel insecure without them. But on the other hand a sudden loud noise makes us uneasy and apprehensive; it can terrify us into a state of shock. A china plate crashing on the floor will startle you; a scream piercing through the still, peaceful night will terrify you.

Nature itself loves noise. In the brilliant quiet weather of a "summer's vale," you can hear the mountain till humming as it traces its "meandering" course down the hills. The wind rustles through the tall, majestic pines. A bird, out of the middle of nowhere starts its melodious song. Or the whole valley is shaken out of its stillness by the loud crash of a falling avalanche.

Student editor loses his battle

By Peter Ristic

BELGRADE (LOS) — The whole front page of **Student**, Belgrade University's newspaper, is taken up by a cartoon. It depicts a hunter taking aim at a mosquito. Then, as he fires, the hunter is crushed from behind by an elephant. Could this have something to do with the sacking of **Student**'s editor, 26-year-old Boro Miselic? Yes it could. He trained his gun on something small and got cut down by something big.

Misselic's departure ends a celebrated career on the paper. In just over a year he made it the most critical in Yugoslavia. With **Viser**, its exceptional sister magazine, it could compare with anything produced by students in the West.

Contributors campaigned against privilege, a corruption, incompetence in running the economy, and against suppression of information about Yugoslavia's past.

No other paper in the country was so strong-spoken in opposing martial law in Poland. "Stating one's opinion" is a matter for everyone on the planet," wrote Zoran Petrovic, referring to the way most of the Yugoslav Press hid behind the phrase, "an especially difficult and complex situation."

He said emphatically: "The real solidarity is to support Solidarity," and reminded students that, after the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, 2,500 Yugoslavs had demonstrated without fear in Belgrade.

Under Miselic's editorship, **Student** revealed that opponents of the break with Stalin in 1948 were physically and psychologically maltreated.

The paper informed readers of free-loading at the Congress of Socialist Youth, where delegates stayed at enormous cost in a plush hotel and ran up bills they could not pay.

It exposed a teacher-training college where those who failed exams were able to get diplomas for cash.

The anti-establishment pinpricks continued. Old and incompetent politicians should go; elections throughout society should be democratic; there should be no more people with three houses and two weekend cottages.

By the beginning of this year the establishment was starting to hit back. **Student** made blanket assessments and adopted Utopian views, leading to a liberal and ultra-left position," a radio journalist said.

A group of politicians produced a report accusing the paper of writing in "code." When the "key" was provided, it was clear that **Student** wanted to destroy the entire system, they said.

"They couldn't attack the contents of the paper as such, so they had to invent a 'key.' One student protested, 'It is absurd.'

Finally an editor at **Student**'s publishing house complained to the board that Boro Miselic was "smuggling" articles into the paper. The board voted 8-2 to sack him for not consulting them.

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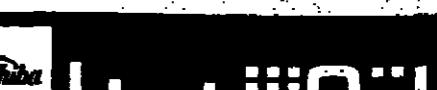
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Armed troops patrol Jakarta after riots

JAKARTA, March 19 (AP) — Soldiers with automatic weapons and armored cars continued to patrol this city of 6 million people Friday following a riot that broke up an election campaign Thursday and left 62 persons injured and 240 arrested.

In the crowded northern part of the city, six armored cars rolled down the streets while armed soldiers broke up small bands of people. Many offices closed early and the streets were almost empty by late Friday afternoon except for the soldiers.

In the heart of Jakarta, around Banteng Square, where the government-backed Golkar Party held an election campaign Thursday, thousands of people were still milling about, snarling up traffic.

A few miles from Banteng Square, several thousand people had gathered along the streets. One eyewitness said nearby an oil truck was turned over and set afire by the crowd before soldiers and armored cars could prevent it. The eyewitness said most of the mas-

ses were school children who seemed to be in a "rampaging mood."

All three parties campaigning in the upcoming election denied having anything to do with Thursday's riot and issued a joint statement expressing regret over the incidents. They are the ruling Golkar Party, the Muslim United Development Party (PPP) and the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI).

A police spokesman said by late afternoon authorities had the situation under control. Adm. Sudomo, the commander of the National Security, said no one had been reported killed in the rioting.

Sudomo said offenders would be put on trial on charges of disturbing peace and order. He said all the three parties were told to forbid students under 17 years old from taking part in the campaign. Those arrested in connection with the recent riot were mostly high school students who expressed sympathy for the PPP.

Indira to open India festival in U.K.

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrives in Britain Sunday to launch the most ambitious celebration of India's cultural heritage, its artistic wonders and scientific achievements ever staged anywhere in the world.

Her six-day visit, to inaugurate an eight-month festival of India, coincides with one of the periods of strain which have beclouded Anglo-Indian relations since the British quit India in 1947 following three centuries of imperial rule. If Mrs. Gandhi's discussions with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are anything like their encounter in New Delhi last April, observers expect there will be little agreement.

Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told the Lok Sabha (parliament) that the two Prime Ministers differed on almost all important issues and ended up merely trying to understand each other's standpoint.

BRIEFS

DACCA — Bangladesh has launched an ambitious disease control program with financial assistance to the tune of \$2.53 million from AGFUND and UNICEF. The project aims at immunizing children with BCG, DPT, measles and polio vaccines. The agreement for the program was signed by UNICEF executive director J. Grant and Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, UNICEF special envoy and AGFUND representative.

LONDON (R) — Britain and the Vatican resumed full diplomatic relations Thursday after a break of more than four centuries. Pope John Paul's London representative, Swiss-born Archbishop Bruno Heim, 70, became papal nuncio, the equivalent of an ambassador, by presenting his credentials to Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

DACCA (AP) — The American Embassy denied Friday local news reports it has pressured the Bangladesh government to resume the sale of monkeys to the United States, halted earlier following protests by American wildlife associations. In a statement, the embassy also denied reports that the monkeys were being used for a nuclear research program.

LONDON (R) — Sir Kenneth Newman, a former Northern Ireland police chief skilled in riot control, will soon take charge of London's police now battling a wave of rising crime, informed sources said Friday. The appointment of Newman, 55, to head London's 26,000-strong police force will be made soon by Home Secretary William Whitelaw, the sources said.

New Delhi imposes rule on Assam

NEW DELHI, March 19 (AFP) — The Indian federal government Friday took control of the strategic northeast Indian state of Assam which has been rocked by violence and anti-immigrant unrest for the last three years, following the resignation Thursday of the state government. The government, dominated by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, was to have faced a no-confidence motion in the legislative assembly Friday.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy signed the requisite notification early Friday, endorsing a cabinet decision recommending president's rule and dissolution of the state assembly. The cabinet took the decision Thursday night, apparently after going through the report of the state governor who had suggested federal rule and dissolution of the ministry.

The state, where the local people are demanding detection and deportation of an estimated five million immigrant settlers from Bangladesh and Nepal, will now be ruled directly from the Indian capital. The ministry, led by Keshab Chandra Gogoi, lasted only 65 days, after having assumed office on Jan. 12.

This was the fourth government to fall in Assam since the present assembly was elected in 1978 for a normal five-year term. The previous government was also controlled by the Congress Party, but the first two were led by other parties.

The Assam agitation, which took a violent turn in 1980, continues to pose problems for Mrs. Gandhi, given the state's strategic character, geographical position and vast oil resources. Several rounds of discussions in New Delhi and the state capital, Gauhati, failed to bring about an agreement, with leaders of the agitation insisting that the immigrants should be deported to other Indian states or Bangladesh.

China factory blast claims several lives

HONG KONG, March 19 (AFP) — Several persons were killed and many airlifted to hospital after a powerful explosion rocked a medicine factory in the Fuding county of east China's Fujian province facing the Taiwan straits. Radio Peking reported Friday.

A broadcast monitored here said the blast was of such a great magnitude that aircraft from local Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) units had to airlift the injured to hospitals in nearby provinces, and that a seven-man team of burns experts had to be flown in from far-off Shanghai.

The explosion was caused by a fire which broke out in the factory's supplies area stockpiled with petroleum and other inflammable raw materials at 8 a.m. on March 9, the radio said without hinting at any sabotage.

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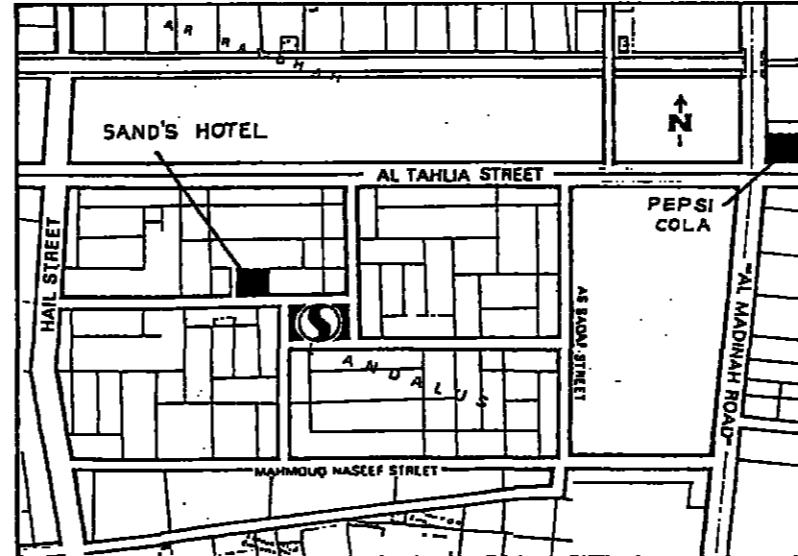
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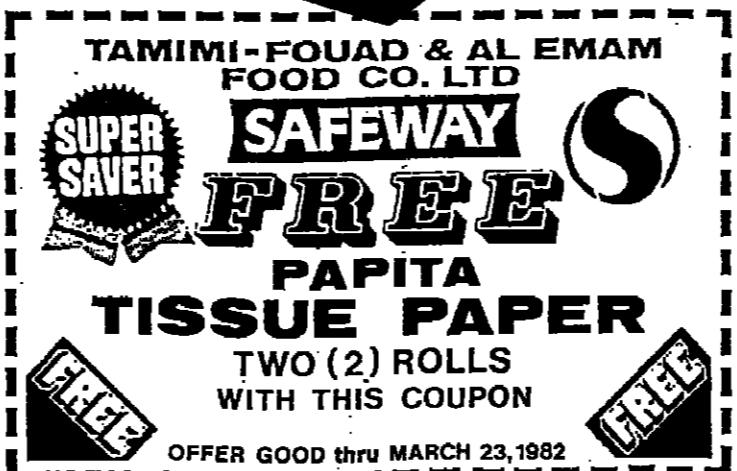
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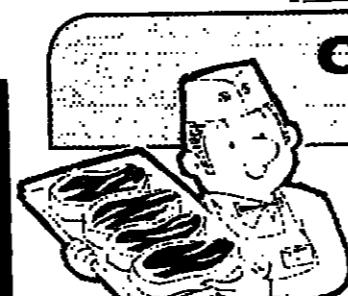
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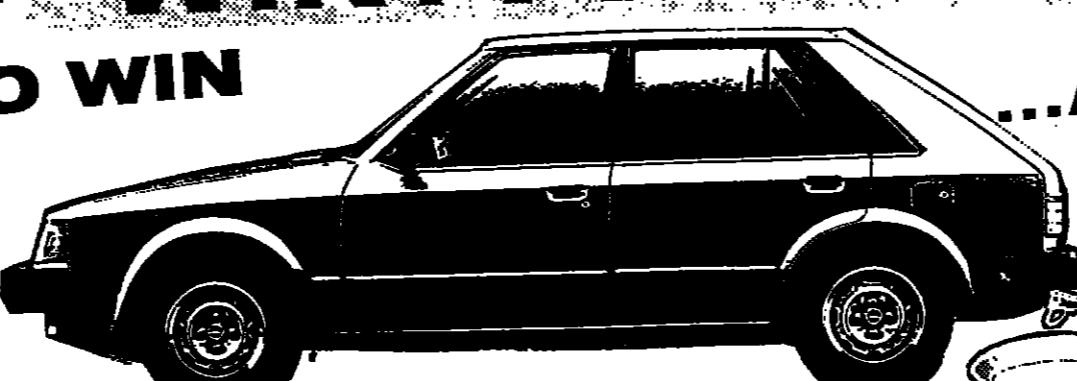
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Production slumps**Poles admit economy still in critical state**

LONDON, March 19 (AFP) — Last Polish government findings show Poland's economy remains in critical condition despite some recent positive signs. Warsaw television, monitored here by the BBC, has reported.

Although "the rate at which production is falling has been slowed down," the television said Thursday, quoting the Polish cabinet's economic committee, "the fall in production continues to be considerable in the processing industry," especially at enterprises whose output depends on imported materials.

Investment and housing construction were also in a bad state.

The cabinet's planning commission had been asked to study the investment situation and make proposals for improving it. House

Labor unrest grips Belgium

BRUSSELS, March 19 (AFP) — The Socialist F.G.T.B. union has announced a general strike next week and the Christian C.S.C. has called for a mass demonstration in Brussels the following day.

These moves follow the Brussels clashes between steel workers and police Tuesday. Many steel workers, from the Liege and Charleroi areas stand to lose their jobs as capacity is reduced.

More generally, the F.G.T.B. is staging periodic strikes in protest at the austerity program imposed by the center-right government of Wildert Martens, which was recently accorded special powers in parliament for one year.

Work stoppages are now affecting Flanders as well as Wallonia. Flemish rail services and the Port of Antwerp were hit Monday.

U.S. urges study of Third World

GENEVA, March 19 (R) — The United States has urged United Nations development experts to stop blaming rich countries for Third World problems and to start studying why some poor states develop successfully and others fail.

Speaking Thursday to the governing body of the U.S. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), U.S. delegate John St. John said such a study could reveal which policies fostered growth best in developing economies.

The UNCTAD secretariat should examine the trade, foreign exchange and domestic pricing policies of successful developing states to determine which paths were best, he said during open discussion of a secretarial report on protectionism which ended Thursday.

The governing body, meeting here since last Monday, has now gone into private session to consider UNCTAD's work schedule until its next summit in May-June next year.

Mexico's oil reserves rise by 36%

MEXICO CITY, March 19 (R) — Mexico announced a 36 percent rise in its probable oil and gas reserves, but said proven reserves remained at 72 billion barrels.

Speaking during ceremonies marking the 44th anniversary of the nationalization of the Mexican oil industry Thursday, Julio Moctezuma Cid, head of the state oil concern Pemex, said probable hydrocarbon reserves now stood at 80 billion barrels compared with 58.6 billion six months ago.

Trade sources had earlier predicted that Mexico, the world's fourth biggest oil producer, would announce a new rise in proven reserves. Moctezuma Cid said Mexico would continue to increase its production of top-quality light oil but its exports would remain a 50-50 mix of light and heavy.

He said Mexican oil production averaged 2.5 million barrels per day last month and that it comprised 61 percent onshore light and 39 percent offshore heavy.

Mexico has an export platform of 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), but because of the current oil glut exports are running around 1.2 million bpd, according to official sources.

In the ceremonies at the Pacific port of Lazaro Cardenas, Moctezuma Cid said Pemex had a \$20 billion foreign debt, but was

E. Germany cool to Bonn loan terms

LEIPZIG, March 19 (AFP) — East Germany has made no human rights concessions in order to ensure a continuation of interest-free credits from Bonn. West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said here.

Lambsdorff had talks Thursday with East German Foreign Trade Minister Horst Soelle, and Wednesday with Communist Party politburo member and economics expert Guenter Mittag.

India keen on buying Polish coal machinery

NEW DELHI, March 19 (AP) — A Polish delegation, headed by Deputy Coal and Energy Minister M. Glinowski held discussions with Indian officials Thursday on expansion of bilateral cooperation in coal industry.

Indian Minister of State for Coal Gargi Shankar Mishra "expressed interest in obtaining Polish technology to help the development of the Indian coal industry," a government press statement said.

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West agrees to reschedule Sudan's debt

PARIS, March 19 (R) — Representatives of 13 Western countries agreed to give Sudan a further 10 years to repay debts due to foreign governments this year.

A communiqué issued Thursday after two days of talks said Sudan's creditors had agreed on the rescheduling of state loans and government guaranteed credits to help enable the country continue with its program of reconstruction. Sudan is estimated to have about \$4 billion of external debt, some \$500 million of it owed to foreign governments.

The communiqué said repayment of debts of more than one year's maturity falling due in the 18 months to Dec. 31 this year would now be repayable over 10 years with a four-year grace period.

Sudanese Finance Minister Ibrahim Mansour declined to say what proportion of the estimated \$500 million was covered by the period. But he told reporters he was satisfied with the outcome of the debt talks, held under the auspices of the so-called Paris club.

The club is an informal grouping of creditor countries which meets to discuss rescheduling usually after intervention by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Seeks to curb export credits**U.S. said reconciled to Siberian pipeline**

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The Reagan administration is dropping its opposition to a trans-Siberian natural gas pipeline, while urging West European governments to form an economic bloc with the United States to curb export credits to the Soviet Union, according to a senior administration official.

He said this is the message being carried to Western capitals this week by a high-level U.S. delegation, headed by Undersecretary of State James L. Buckley. The official, who declined to be identified, called the pipeline, which threatened to divide the Western alliance, "a secondary issue."

"The basic point with the trip is not the pipeline, it's credits and guarantees," the official said in an Associated Press interview. "And the first question is whether the allies are prepared to agree with us that this is a strategic question worthy of some serious consideration."

The Soviets currently enjoy relatively easy credit and guarantees from Western governments for purchasing their manufactured goods. For example, some European banks are lending the Soviets money for pipeline construction at 7 percent, less than half of the going rate. Additionally in Moscow's favor is the competition among the allies for terms for repaying the loans.

The pipeline, which eventually may cost \$26 billion, will carry Siberian natural gas 3,000 miles to Western Europe. Gas is scheduled to begin flowing in 1984.

The administration, seeking ways and means to punish the Soviet Union for Poland's imposition of martial law considered slowing down construction of the pipeline project.

The issue divided President Reagan's cabinet. The Pentagon urged a crackdown,

Senate upholds action on Libya

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The Senate went on record unanimously Thursday in support of President Ronald Reagan's decision to cutoff Libyan oil imports.

By a vote of 94-0, the Senators approved a resolution applauding the president's action as "in the interest of the national security of the United States."

The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Gary Hart, who last year sponsored a legislative measure to force a Libyan oil cutoff. That measure was defeated 46-44 on Oct. 21. It would have taken effect this month and required a cutoff within 90 days.

While the state department, concerned that pushing the Europeans to halt construction could provoke them, took a softer line.

Basically, the dispute has been resolved in favor of the state department, the official said. But he cautioned that "how we relate to the allies on the pipeline is going to be a lot easier to manage if Buckley doesn't come back empty handed."

If the allies are unwilling to consider a united front against the Soviets on credits, "then I think we are going to have to take another look at the whole series of questions having to do with the pipeline," the official said.

The pipeline is due to supply up to 1,400 million cubic feet of natural gas a year to Western Europe. The project has been opposed by the United States from the outset for fear the allies would become dependent on Soviet sources of energy and that the pipeline would provide the Soviets with up to \$8 billion a year in hard currency for a military buildup.

President Reagan met with the National Security Council three weeks ago. It was decided to send Buckley's delegation to allied capitals with the compromise proposals to go along with the pipeline if export credits were controlled.

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Despite \$27b trade deficit**U.S. records \$6.6b surplus**

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The United States recorded a \$6.6 billion surplus in its balance of payment with foreign countries last year, the biggest surplus since 1975 for the widest measure of U.S. economic transactions abroad, the government has reported.

However, there was a slight deficit of about \$85 million in the fourth quarter of 1981. The Commerce Department report said Thursday.

That quarterly shortfall, the first after five straight surpluses, could be a harbinger of what various officials have said will likely be an overall deficit this year.

For 1981, the report said, the national deficit in merchandise trade rose to \$27.88 billion from the \$25.3 billion of 1980.

However, the surplus in payments for services, always a big positive factor, grew to \$41.2 billion from the \$36.1 billion in 1980, more than wiping out the increased deficit in

India trade show opens in Nairobi

NAIROBI, March 19 (AFP) — The largest trade exhibition ever organized in India in Africa was inaugurated Friday in the Kenyan capital.

It highlights India's industrial output and has sections devoted to machine tools, electrical appliances and vehicle spare parts.

Tractors, mechanical shovels and other utility vehicles were on show outside the Kenyatta Conference Center where the exhibition is being held.

In an inaugural speech, President Daniel Arap Moi emphasized the need for developing countries to "reduce gradually their dependence on trade with the industrialized countries by intensifying economic cooperation between themselves".

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The current account figures, which are adjusted for normal seasonal variations, include goods, private investment and other services, foreign aid, loans to foreigners and a variety of other financial transactions.

The 1981 surplus well above the 1980 surplus of \$3.7 billion was the third in a row and the largest since the \$18.3 billion of 1974, commerce officials said.

But government officials have said a stronger dollar and reviving economies overseas make it likely that there will be a deficit of as much as \$10 billion this year, possibly even threatening the record 1978 deficit of \$14 billion.

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But U.S. Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker called on the government and Congress to strike accord very quickly on "credible" alternative to reduce the budget deficit in order to bring down interest rates and get the recovery going.

And Budget Director David Stockman ruled out any reversal on income tax cuts, although he said the government might consider more cuts in social spending if it had bipartisan support for the measure.

Reagan said he was disappointed at suggestions from the business community that income taxes should be put up in order to cut

He said the United States has serious problems in its trade balance in general and in its share of the world export market in particular. "We've simply got to export more," he said.

The new report said that last year "sluggish economic conditions both in the United States and abroad slowed the growth in imports and exports 5.6 and 5 percent respectively."

But Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Springer said earlier this winter that number of foreign industrial nations should be entering "an export-led recovery which will gather steam during the year." Part of the reason concerns the value of the dollar, which grew during much of last year, thereby hurting U.S. exports and encouraging imports by making American goods more expensive for foreigners and foreign goods less expensive for U.S. citizens to buy.

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Retail prices stay static in Britain

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Retail prices in Britain stopped rising last month for the first time in nearly 12 years, the government announced Friday.

As a result the annual inflation rate dropped from 12 to 11 percent. The fall, attributed to drops in petrol and food prices, was the first since September last year.

The figures were good news for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who has made the battle against inflation the cornerstone of her economic policy.

"Today's figures are a real boost for the country," said Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit. Efforts to curb inflation suffered a temporary setback late last year as sterling fell on foreign exchanges despite the government's tough anti-inflationary stance.

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HONG KONG, (AFP) — Britain and China have agreed to increase passenger capacity on the Hong Kong-Shanghai air route by up to 50 percent, a government spokesman said Friday. The agreement, which goes into effect May 1, was reached during recent talks in Peking to review the 1979 air service agreement signed by the two governments.

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As gold slips anew**Dollar scales new heights**

LONDON, March 19 (AP) — The U.S. dollar strengthened further against leading foreign currencies in trading Friday, reaching record high against the French franc and Italian lire. Gold bullion prices fell up to \$7 an ounce.

Despite sustained pressure against the franc since the Socialist government lost in local elections Sunday, dealers in Paris said there appeared to be no immediate move to devalue the French currency.

They also said there was no apparent intervention by the Bank of France in early dealings Friday. The bank intervened heavily on Thursday when the dollar broke through the 6.20 franc level for the first time ever. The dollar traded for 6.2425 francs early Friday, up from the previous day's late rate of 6.2075.

Earlier, in New York, the French franc has weakened sharply amid speculation about its possible realignment in the European Monetary System.

The French central bank raised interest rates Thursday, pushing its key treasury bill discount rate to 18 percent from 15.75, to try to halt what foreign exchange dealers described as massive speculation against the franc. West Germany, Switzerland and the

Netherlands cut their interest rates to try to ease pressure on the French currency, which financial analysts said was suffering from uncertainty over France's economic outlook and continued high inflation.

In Milan, the dollar moved up to 1.313 Italian lire, from 1.302. The Italian press, in front-page articles, attributed the dollar's strength to deep differences in the monetary policies of the 10-nation European Common Market.

In Tokyo where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar rose to 243.60 yen, up from 241.05 at the close Thursday and last Friday's rate of 239.05.

Gold prices, meanwhile, dropped sharply during the morning, and dealers said the decline was due to the dollar's strength.

London's five major bullion dealers recommended a morning gold fixing price of \$316.25 a troy ounce, down \$7 from Thursday's late rate.

Closing gold price (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	316.25
Paris	332.21
Zurich	315.50
Frankfurt	318.26
Hong Kong	324.00

Spaniards can't figure it out

MADRID, March 19 (AFP) — A controversy with political undertones has developed over the statistics of the Spanish economy in 1981.

Spanish business leaders and government officials are producing very different sets of figures. In some quarters industrial leaders and bankers are suspected of trying to blight the country's situation with political intent, and ultimately to strike a blow at Spain's budding democracy.

The year 1981 saw a record increase of 2.79 percent in the unemployment rate. Spain has more than two million unemployed, over 15 percent of the labor force.

Inflation in 1981 was 14.1 percent against previous 15.2 percent.

The payments deficit was \$5.3 billion last year. The budget deficit jumped 50 percent to a record \$7.5 billion.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	131.50	131.20	
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85	
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	
French Franc (100)	56.00	55.70	
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Jordanian Dinar	9.95	9.85	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.06	12.03	
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.25	70.60	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.50	59.75	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	30.75	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.40	
Poland Sterling	6.22	6.20	
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.00	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	18.45	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	22.80	
Swiss Franc (100)	182.00	181.60	
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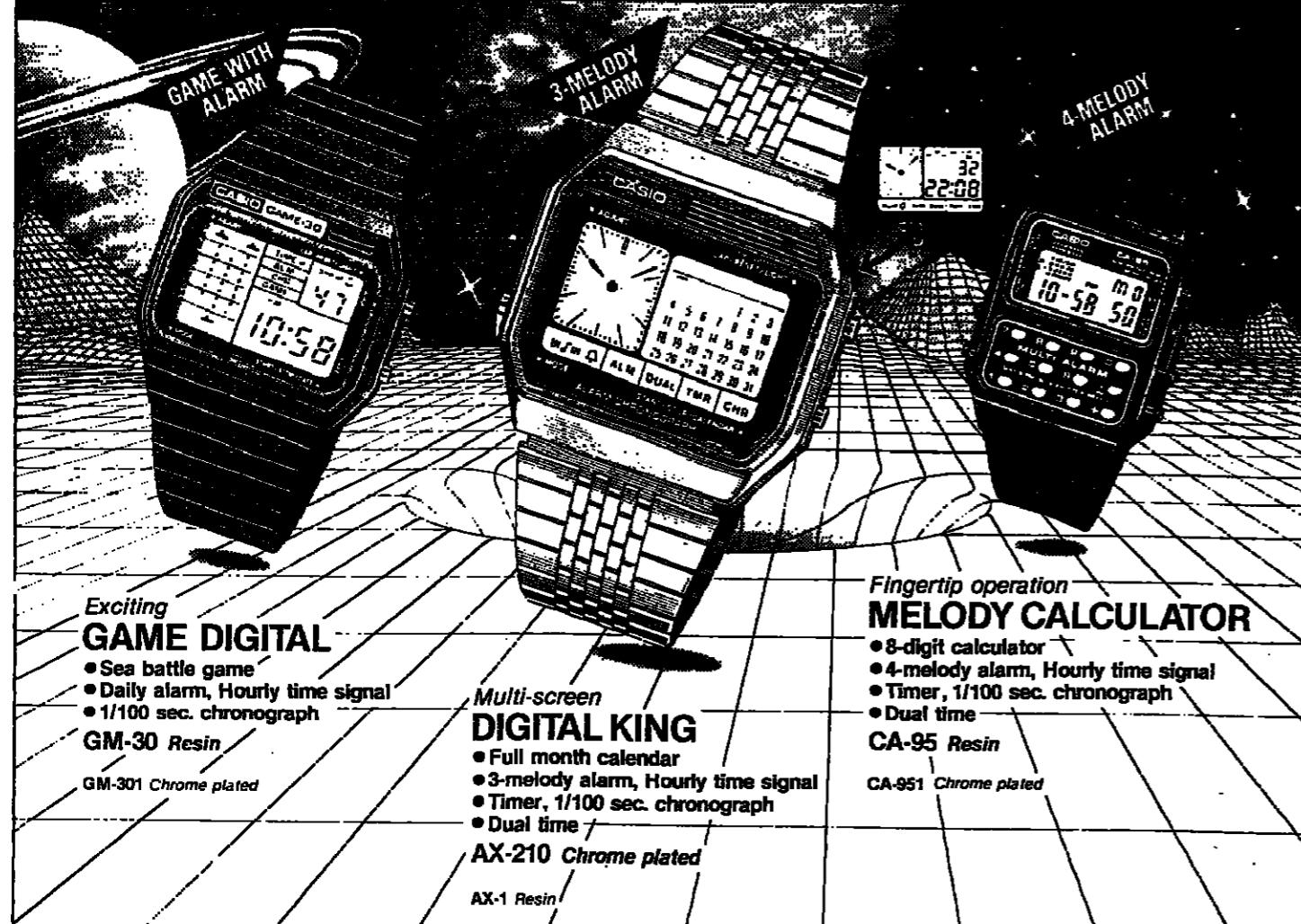
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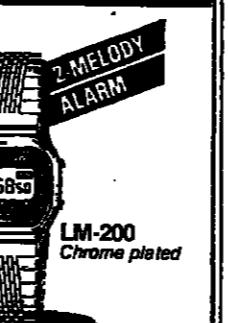
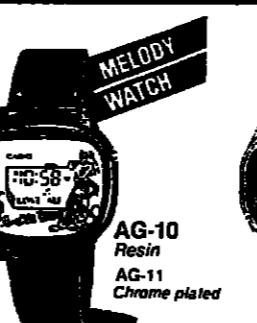
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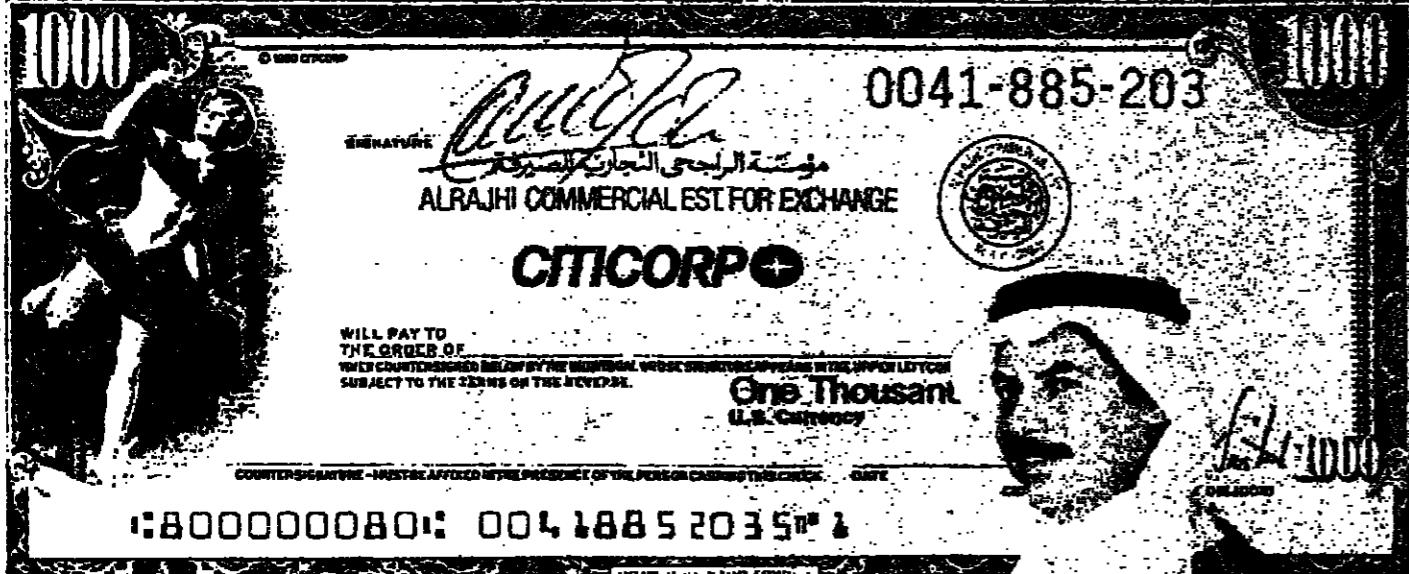
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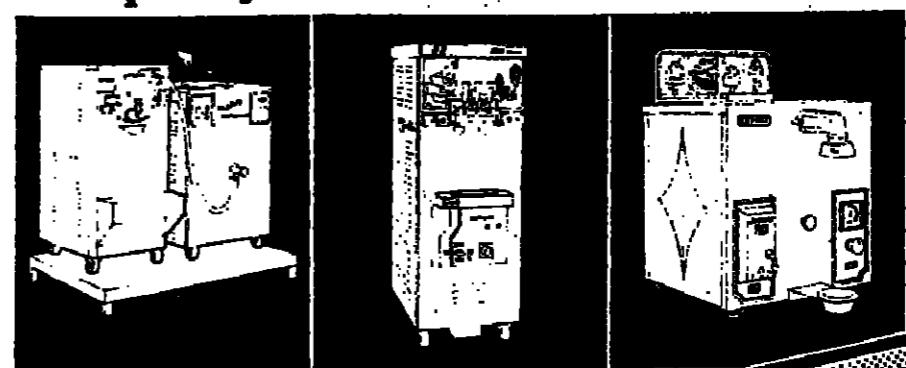
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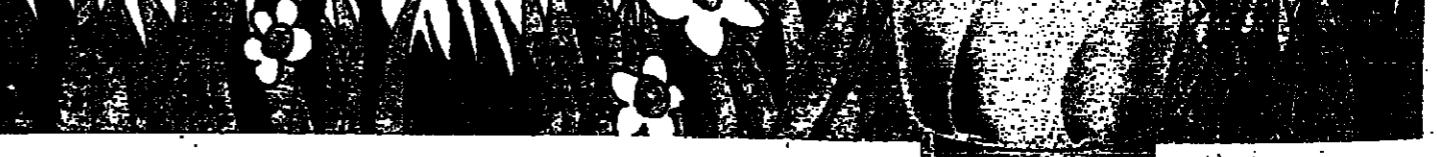
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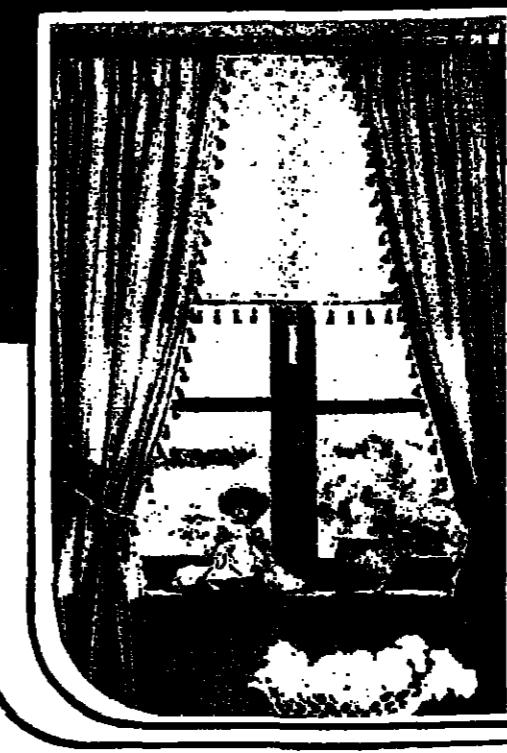
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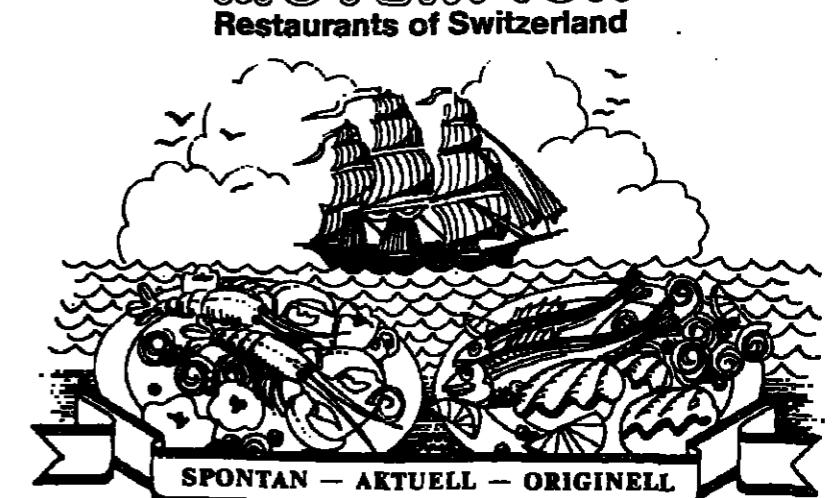
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Connors, Lendl sail into quarterfinals

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 19 (AP) — Top seed Jimmy Connors reached the quarterfinals of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here Thursday night but Gene Mayer had to scratch with a back injury.

Connors beat fellow American Vince Van Patten 7-5, 6-2 while Mayer abandoned the match against John Sadri.

Mayer had lost the first set 6-2 and was trailing 1-0 in the second when he withdrew and left the tournament hall in the "Ahoy" Sports Center. Organizers said he was complaining about a back injury sustained earlier in the season and had returned to his hotel.

In other third-round action, Brian Gottfried of the U.S. defeated fellow American Harold Solomon 6-2, 6-1.

In Strasbourg, France, Masters champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia coasted into a quarterfinal match with Poland's Wojciech Fibak in the \$300,000 World Championship.

Lendl, ranked third in the world and second seed here, scored a straight sets win over Robert Vant Hof, an American ranked 111th in the world. Lendl's heavy forehand quickly tamed the burly American's serve and volley game to win 6-3, 6-2. The Czechoslovak is odds-on favorite to win following the dismissal of all but three seeds.

The top seed, Wimbledon and United States Open champion John McEnroe, withdrew before the tournament started with a sprained ankle. Fibak beat Italy's Corrado Barazzutti in three sets 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in his third round match.

Australian Open finalist Steve Denton of the United States also reached the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Lorraine Open, counting for the Grand Prix in Metz.

Dunes-2 retains Bridge lead

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 19 — Fancied teams held their own in the penultimate week of the Jeddah Bridge League with the top four teams in the 'A' league still vying keenly.

The victory of these four teams was expected. And the teams did not disappoint. Dunes-2, who retained the top slot in the 'A' league by a bare one Victory Point margin, ended IAL's run of victories with a 16-4 verdict. The Dunes-2 benefited by the team changes in IAL as close challengers Irregulars had a cakewalk over SEA-1.

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In European Cup semifinals

Villa to take on Anderlecht

ZURICH, March 19 (R) — Favorites Bayern Munich of West Germany will have to overcome the dangerous Bulgarians of Cska Sofia if they are to stay on course for a fourth European Soccer Cup triumph.

In Friday's semifinal draw in Zurich, Bayern were paired with the giant-killing Bulgarians while English champions Aston Villa were matched with Anderlecht of Belgium. In view of Cska's past performances, Bayern will not relish their trip to Sofia for the first-leg on April 7.

On Wednesday, Cska ended English club Liverpool's reign in the National Stadium

striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's fitness battle. Rummenigge, European footballer of the year for the past two seasons, was injured in the quarterfinal victory over Romania's Universitatea in midweek. He tore a ligament in his left knee and is almost certain to miss the journey to Sofia although he could be fit for the return.

Anderlecht, Cup Winners' Cup champions in 1976 and 1978, have emerged as the best outsiders with victories over Juventus of Italy and Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade in the last two rounds. But Villa are fast regaining the form which took them to the English

half fightback against Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany could be the spark to rekindle their challenge for the English First Division Soccer title Saturday.

The Londoners, beaten by Liverpool in the League Cup final at Wembley last Saturday, looked destined for a second disappointment when they conceded two early goals in Frankfurt, thereby losing their first-leg lead. But a sweetly-struck shot from Glenn Hoddle after the interval took Tottenham into the semifinals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup and kept alive their hopes of three major trophies this season.

But Tottenham, who are also in the semifinals of the English F.A. Cup, will have to take on visiting Southampton, the league leaders, without Argentine midfielder Osvaldo Ardiles and striker Garth Crooks. Crooks missed the Cup-Winners' tie against Eiarcart due to injury while Ardiles was substituted soon after the start.

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Second-placed Swansea, two points behind Southampton but with two games in hand, travel to struggling Wolverhampton without Welsh international Jeremy Charles Charles, nephew of the great John Charles who played for Juventus of Italy in the late 1950s, is out of action after a cartilage operation. His place will probably go to former England and Everton striker Bob Latchford. Wolverhampton manager Ian Greaves has dropped center-half and captain Joe Gallagher, a 400,000 sterling (\$720,000) signing from Birmingham earlier in the season.

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JEDDAH, March 19 — Top soccer coach, Telé Santana, is expected to make the scene in Jeddah shortly.

The world renowned coach, who at the moment is busy getting the Brazilian national team in shape for the World Cup Soccer finals to be held in Spain, will take on the Al Ahli Club of Jeddah under his watchful eyes after the World tourney, according to Prince Mohammad Al Abdullah Al Fai-

when they overturned a 1-0 first-leg deficit with a 2-0 win in extra-time. The Bulgarians are fast making a habit of knocking out more fancied opponents. Last season they despatched 1980 winners Nottingham Forest of England in the first round.

But if Bayern can hold Cska in Sofia they should secure a place in the final in Rotterdam in May 26 when the second leg is staged in Munich on April 21.

But Bayern's hopes could hinge on star

Mearwhile, Tottenham's brave second-

To finish third

Zambia downs Algeria

TRIPOLI, March 19 (AFP) — Zambia, the surprise team of the tournament, beat Algeria 2-0 in the third place playoff before a disappointingly small crowd of 3,000 in the African Nations Football Championship here Thursday.

Hosts Libya play Ghana in Friday's final. Ghana are three-times winners but their last success was in 1978 when they hosted the tournament.

Zambian left winger Peter Kaumba, the outstanding forward in the competition, caused the downfall of World Cup finalists Algeria, who had started the tournament as favorites. He had a hand in both goals, scoring the first and setting up the second inside 25 minutes, and generally making things look difficult for his opposing fullback, Djenadi.

In Faisalabad Test

Pakistan to avoid follow-on

FAISALABAD, March 19 (Agencies) — Pakistan turned the course of the third and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka with a determined performance Thursday.

On the penultimate day, it was Tauseef Ahmad's gritty display with the bat first and later a fine showing with the ball — to cap an all-round performance — that put Pakistan on the recovery trail.

At the end of the day, Sri Lanka were tottering at 127 for eight wickets in their second venture — just 311 runs ahead — after Pakistan had avoided the follow-on threat with a reasonable tally of 270.

Resuming at the overnight total of 210 for

eight wickets and still 45 runs in need to avoid the follow-on, Pakistan suffered a major blow. Keeper Ashraf Ali, who was responsible for the rearguard action, missed the line of a Ransingh's straighter delivery and was bowled for 58. Pakistan still needed 32 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Tauseef, the last of the Pakistan's resistance, stepped in to fill the breach. With things looking bleak for Pakistan, there seemed no option but to bat again. But they did not contend with the last pair's determination. Rashid Khan and Tauseef warded off the sustained attack of the Sri Lankans and slowly, but surely pulled the Pakistanis out of the woods. Rashid, playing the dominant

partner, was undefeated with 43 valuable runs with Tauseef holding on for 18 before spinner Somachandra lured him to offer a catch to Madugalle.

The loss of the first three days' grip on the match must have told on the Sri Lankans, who played like a dispirited lot. Except for the steady knock by wicketkeeper Mahesh Gunatilleke — whose contribution was 56 in Sri Lanka's 127 for eight — the Island would have been placed in a worse position.

After early breakthroughs through Tahir Naqash and Iqbal Qasim, who enjoyed a marathon stint, Tauseef struck two late blows after Duleep Mendis ran himself out for a blob. The Test at this stage is poised keenly and a target of 350 may well be within the grasp of the Pakistanis Friday.

Score-board	
Sri Lanka (1st innings):	454
Pakistan (1st innings):	36
Rizwan uz-Zaman b A de Silva	12
Mohsin Khan c Wettimuny b de Mel	23
S. Mulla b de Mel	18
J. Minnadiad c Ranatunga b S. de Silva	22
Wasim Raja c Madigalle b S. de Silva	25
H. Rashid c de Mel b A. de Silva	58
A. Aslam c de Mel b S. de Silva	1
Wasim Qasim run out	5
Rashid Khan out	18
Tauseef Ahmad c Madigalle b S. de Silva	9
Extras:	270
Total:	454
Fall of Wickets: 1-19, 2-54, 3-83, 4-116, 5-124, 6-134, 7-156, 8-185, 9-222, 10-240, 11-272, 12-292, 13-30.	427
Bowlers: de Mel 23-4-73-2, Ransingh 7-1-23-1; S.	

World Ice Hockey

France strikes in last period

JACA, Spain, March 19 (AFP) — France beat Bulgaria 4-2, (0-0, 2-2, 2-0) here Friday in the first match of the World Ice Hockey Group 'C' Championship.

The first few minutes of the match was an equally balanced trial of strength, but in the second minute of the second period Audisio put France ahead. The eastern Europeans equalized shortly afterward and then went ahead but France again went on the offensive toward the end of the second period and Audisio took the score to 2-2 in the 14th minute.

The third period was one of end to end play, in which France went ahead with a goal by Treille (7th) and increased it through Bernadette Blond (11th).

Meanwhile, in the lone National Hockey League action Thursday night, Wayne Babych scored two goals and assisted on two others as the St. Louis Blues ended a 10-game

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, March 19 (AP) — The rebel English cricket side were 101 for one wicket Friday in their first innings when rain stopped play on the first day of a four-day match against South Africa.

Play was held to 160 minutes because of the rain. Graham Gooch hit a confident unbeaten 56, including 10 boundaries in his attractive 130-delivery knock. Geoff Boycott scored 16 with two boundaries before he was caught out on a controversial call.

The television replay seemed to show the ball bounce onto the ground, strike Boycott's ankle and fly up to Adrian Kuiper at silly point. The umpire raised his finger after a slight pause, much to Boycott's disgust.

The English visitors, who face possible sanctions by the governors of the game for defying a ban and playing in South Africa, hoped to recoup after their eight-wicket loss to the south Africans in the first four-day match in Johannesburg last weekend. Gooch won the toss and surprisingly chose to bat despite the damp, blustery weather conditions.

Once the record-breaking Yorkshire opener had left the scene, Wayne Larkins brought an air of aggression to the crease. He and Gooch scored 23 runs in 29 minutes to bring up the total in 110 minutes. Larkins struck four boundaries in reaching 26 not out in an unbroken 74-run stand in 80 minutes.

UAB moves past Virginia

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 19 — The University of Alabama-Birmingham, only four years in Division I College Basketball, knocked off No. 3-ranked Virginia in a Mideast Regional NCAA semifinal game played on UAB's home court. A roaring partisan crowd pushed the Blazers to their 68-66 win, which means they'll meet Louisville Saturday for the right to advance to the final four next week.

Louisville topped Minnesota 67-61 with a pressure defense and quickness which offset Minnesota's height advantage. But Tottenham, who are also in the semifinals of the English F.A. Cup will have to take on visiting Southampton, the league leaders, without Argentine midfielder Osvaldo Ardiles and striker Garth Crooks. Crooks missed the Cup-Winners' tie against Eiarcart due to injury while Ardiles was substituted soon after the start.

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Meanwhile, National Basketball Association games are won with more surprises, a fact that Scarle Superstars have learned from Detroit Pistons. The Sonics, who trailed for most of the game, introduced Donaldson in the final minutes Thursday night to take a one-point lead.

But Detroit rookies Kelly Tripucka and Isaiah Thomas, along with recently acquired Bill Laimbeer, made crucial shots in the final 79 seconds to give the Pistons a 119-115 victory.

In the other two NBA actions elsewhere, Portland downed Golden State 109-95, and Atlanta tripped Houston 95-94.

With fluent win over India

Pakistan bags Asia Cup

KARACHI, March 19 (AFP) — World hockey champions Pakistan crowned themselves with yet another glory when they won the first Asian Cup Tournament by beating India 6-0 in the final here Friday.

In a nerve-shattering game which turned out to be the best of the tournament, Pakistan, after some anxious moments overwhelmed its traditional rivals to win the coveted trophy. Pakistan's scorers were left full back Qasim Zia, who sounded the board twice off penalty corners, outside right Kaleemullah and center-forward Hasan Sardar. Hasan Sardar, who notched a hat-trick and a double-trick during the competition and was top-scorer with 16 goals, was judged player of the tournament.

Earlier, China had won the third position in its maiden international tournament, beating Singapore 2-0. Malaysia, who humbled Bangladesh 4-1, were fourth and Bangladesh, Singapore and Sri Lanka, earned the fifth, sixth and seventh positions respectively.

Both, India and Pakistan, fielded their strongest combinations and as expected the match began on a tense note with both sides producing the finest game of the tournament. Relying heavily on their nimble-footed forwards, Pakistan attacked aggressively and earned four penalty-corners and four corners in-a-row.

The first three penalty-corners were either off the mark or were brilliantly saved by Indian defenders. In the 23rd minute, however, center-forward Hasan Sardar, the tournament's most prolific scorer, was obstructed by Indian captain Surjit Singh in the circle and the resultant penalty-corner was cashed off by Qasim Zia to send Pakistan into the lead.

The fast tempo of the game was maintained even after resumption and soon Pakistan earned two penalty corners. The second was converted by Qasim Zia, who led Pakistan under-19's to victory in the recent eight-Test

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pakistan	6	6	0	0	51	1	12
India	6	5	0	1	40	1	10
China	6	4	0	2	32	18	8
Malaysia	6	3	0	3	18	12	6
Bangladesh	6	2	0	4	8	22	4
Singapore	6	0	1	5	4	30	1
Sri Lanka	6	0	1	5	2	43	1

Hasan Sardar... adjudged player of the tournament.

India substituted winger Shahid with Parinder Singh and the change brought pressure on Pakistan but without any result. Pakistan's third goal came off a scoop from right out Kaleemullah, collecting a cross from partner Samullah.

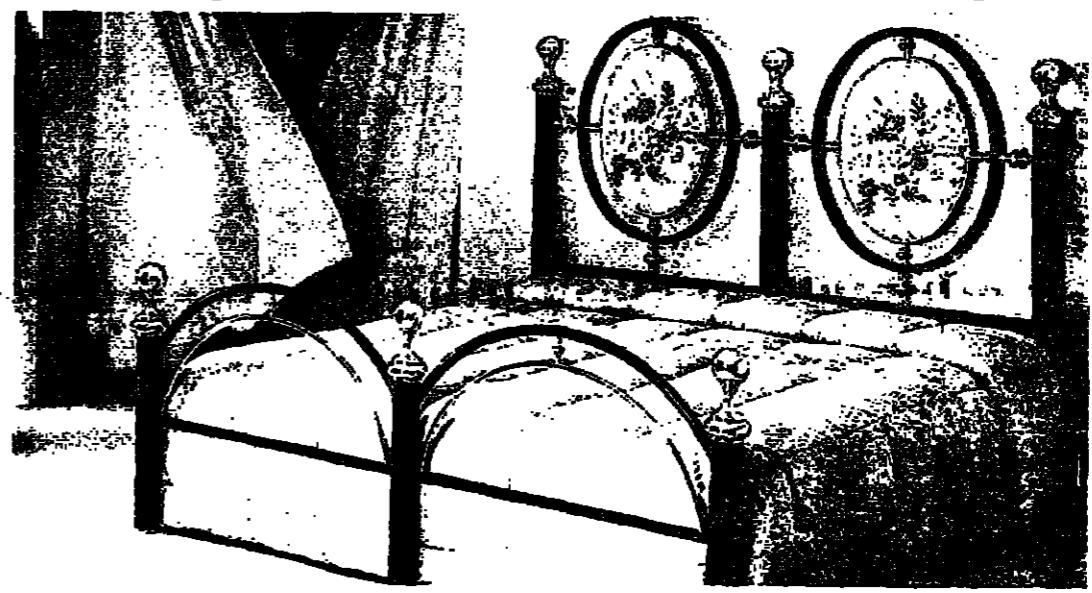
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— Children's Program
— Modern Mathematics
— The Quran School
— Life and Life

8:30 Arabic News
— Local Program

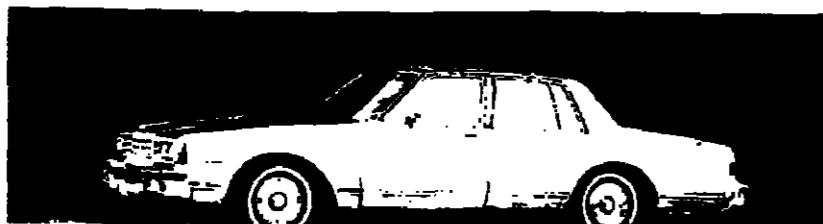
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Despite Soviet freeze

NATO to reaffirm N-missiles deployment

BRUSSELS, March 19 (R) — NATO is expected to reaffirm next week that it will station new nuclear missiles in Europe despite a Soviet freeze on its own deployment of medium range missiles west of the Urals. NATO diplomats said Friday. Moscow's initiative and NATO's next move will be discussed at a meeting of Western alliance defense ministers at Colorado Springs in the United States Tuesday.

The diplomats said the ministers would decide to go ahead with the deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles if no progress were made at talks between the United States and the Soviet Union on limiting medium range missiles in Europe. The meeting of NATO's Nuclear Planning Group (NPG), was also expected to reaffirm support for President Ronald Reagan's proposal to remove all medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

NATO capitals have reacted coolly to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's unilateral initiative this week. The continuation of the initiative is dependent on the Cruise and Pershing missiles not being deployed. NATO fears the arrangement would consolidate Soviet nuclear superiority because of the missiles it already has in place.

America sanctions team returning empty-handed

LONDON, March 19 (R) — Key allies told the United States this week not to rely on Western Europe, joining a trade credit squeeze against Moscow and the Communist bloc. A U.S. mission seeking support for tougher trade policies is returning to Washington virtually empty-handed after a five-nation European talks, U.S. and European sources said.

The American officials were given a polite hearing but found European ministers keen to continue East-West trading and reluctant to risk losing business by tightening credit. In Bonn, they were told sanctions against Moscow "should not hurt the West more than they hurt the Russians."

Lord Carrington, Britain's foreign secretary, said the "time isn't ripe" for new trade embargoes. He also insisted that contracts signed by British firms must be honored. Although the Europeans agreed to stay in touch with Washington on the whole issue, diplomats said it was highly unlikely that agreement could be reached on any measures that would seriously affect East-West trade.

The seven-man U.S. group, led by Undersecretary of State James Buckley, sought a joint policy that would bar easy loans and trade subsidies to the Soviet Union and a temporary ban on credits while the West rethinks its lending strategy.

The Reagan administration believes the NATO alliance should take advantage of Moscow's economic troubles instead of helping the Kremlin with financial concessions that leave it free to divert scarce hard currency to military purposes. The basic European view is that trade with the East has a

Move against French N-tests mulled

WELLINGTON, March 19 (AFP) — The New Zealand Labor opposition has proposed a boycott of French goods in shops here to show disapproval of French nuclear testing in the south Pacific. Labor leader Bill Rowling Friday said a ban on buying French goods "puts the perpetrator of the crime (of nuclear testing in the south Pacific) under penalty."

Rowling also confirmed that he would make a personal approach to French President Francois Mitterrand to halt the French nuclear test program. "He (Mitterrand) had advocated very strongly at Socialist international forums that we Socialists of the world must join together to get rid of this awful nuclear testing. I have admired him for it, and shall remind him of it," said Rowling.

But the labor leader rejected Australian and New Zealand trade union proposals for an across-the-board ban on all trade with France. "It would be more effective if rather than that, they decided not to buy French as long as testing went on. It would not affect their own members by cutting both ways, as a

Gen. Dozier reassigned to America

NAPLES, Italy, March 19 (R) — Brig. Gen. James Dozier, the U.S. Army officer held captive by Italian leftist guerrillas for 42 days, has been reassigned to the United

Tooth-pulling gadget

CANBERRA, March 19 (AFP) — The designer of a gadget that could take some of the pain out of pulling teeth was given a grant Friday to develop a prototype of the device. Dr. Edwin Henrich, a south Australian scientist, was awarded 2,736 Australian dollars (\$2,913) to create the model, which would extract the tooth like a miniature hydraulic lift.

The invention would use surrounding teeth as a platform, enabling the device to exert a force of 45 kilograms (99 pounds). For decades, manual extractions have obliged dentists to lever teeth and use forceps to twist and push.

Washington's allies are expected to press at Colorado Springs for renewed negotiations on intercontinental ballistic missiles. These have been in limbo since the U.S. Congress refused to ratify the second Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II). The sources said Reagan might announce a resumption of the talks at a NATO summit in June, together with proposals for sweeping cuts in the number of nuclear weapons held by both sides.

It has always been the European view that U.S.-Soviet talks on medium-range weapons could not be entirely dissociated from the strategic negotiations. The Geneva talks, began in November and recessed for two months this week without real bargaining having begun according to U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze. The two sides still disagree about which weapons to include.

Last October, the NPG decided that NATO should offer to give up plans to station 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe if the Soviet Union scrapped its existing missiles. The Soviet Union has since deployed SS-20 missiles, each of which has three nuclear warheads, at the rate of one every five days and 300 are now in place according to NATO intelligence.

The U.S. officials visited Bonn, Paris, London, Rome and Brussels during the week-long tour. In Brussels Friday, they were meeting NATO and European Economic Community diplomats. In France and West Germany, they were told that curbs on trade would impose an unfair burden on Western Europe at a time when the United States is still selling large quantities of grain to the Soviet Union.

While official comments were couched in vague terms, emphasizing European understanding for U.S. views, diplomats made it clear the Americans were rebuffed almost everywhere. A French official said the U.S. government, taken to its logical conclusion, would halt all East-West commerce.

"Any move in this direction could only complicate further the international situation and make things worse for all of us," the official said. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said: "We are not quite ready to accept anything they (Americans) say when their interests at times are different from ours."

The British Foreign Office described the issues discussed as difficult, but said the talks were fruitful and would be continued. British officials tried to play down reports that Buckley had sought specific measures. London newspapers described his visit as a setback in U.S. efforts to punish Moscow for martial law in Poland. In Rome, Foreign Ministry sources called Buckley's talks inconclusive.

Rowling said the unions had had to take no action during Labor's term of office, when a New Zealand Navy frigate was sent to Murray in protest at nuclear test and the Labor government challenged the legality of the French actions in the World Court.

"I think a buying ban by New Zealand's half million trade unionists and their families would be a more effective protest" and would not "disrupt things on the home front," said Rowling.

A French nuclear testing program is expected to start at the Mururoa and nearby Fangatau atolls at any time, sources here said. Pacific trade unions plan meetings in April and September to decide on action against the nuclear testing program.

Gen. Dozier reassigned to America

States, NATO announced Friday.

Gen. Dozier, senior American officer at NATO's south European land forces base in Verona, northern Italy, will take up his new post later this year as deputy commanding general of the U.S. army armor center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, a NATO statement said.

He was seized from his Verona apartment in a commando raid by Red Brigades urban guerrillas on Dec. 17 and was rescued by Italian police from a "peoples' prison" in nearby Padua Jan. 28.

The trial of 17 alleged members of the kidnap was adjourned Friday after trial judges and lawyers completed their examination of defendants and witnesses.

U.S. military officials in Naples described Gen. Dozier's transfer as a routine reassignment to a job carrying about the same level of responsibility.

On Friday, West Germany told the Soviet Union that only the complete removal of Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles could prevent the deployment of similar U.S. missiles in West Germany next year. Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher underlined Bonn's stance at a meeting with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Semyonov, who gave him a text of Brezhnev's declaration on nuclear arms this week.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Genscher warned the Soviet envoy that Moscow would be making a grave error if it thought Bonn would not be able to station the Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles if U.S.-Soviet arms control talks failed to produce results.

Moscow has been giving strong encouragement to West Germans campaigning to stop the missile deployment. West German officials interpreted Brezhnev's announcement this week of a unilateral freeze on the stationing of SS-20 missiles as being aimed more at the peace movement than at Western governments.

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Meanwhile, the Soviet leadership has said Washington had not seriously analyzed Brezhnev's proposed unilateral moratorium on deploying Soviet SS-20 missiles, it was reported Friday.

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